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Meredith, NH 03253



Police Chief's vehicle at
Shep Brown's 1952



Snow Removal by the
Public Works Crew Circa 1951



Public Works Fleet
Circa 1951

THE TOWN OF
MEREDITH
NEW HAMPSHIRE



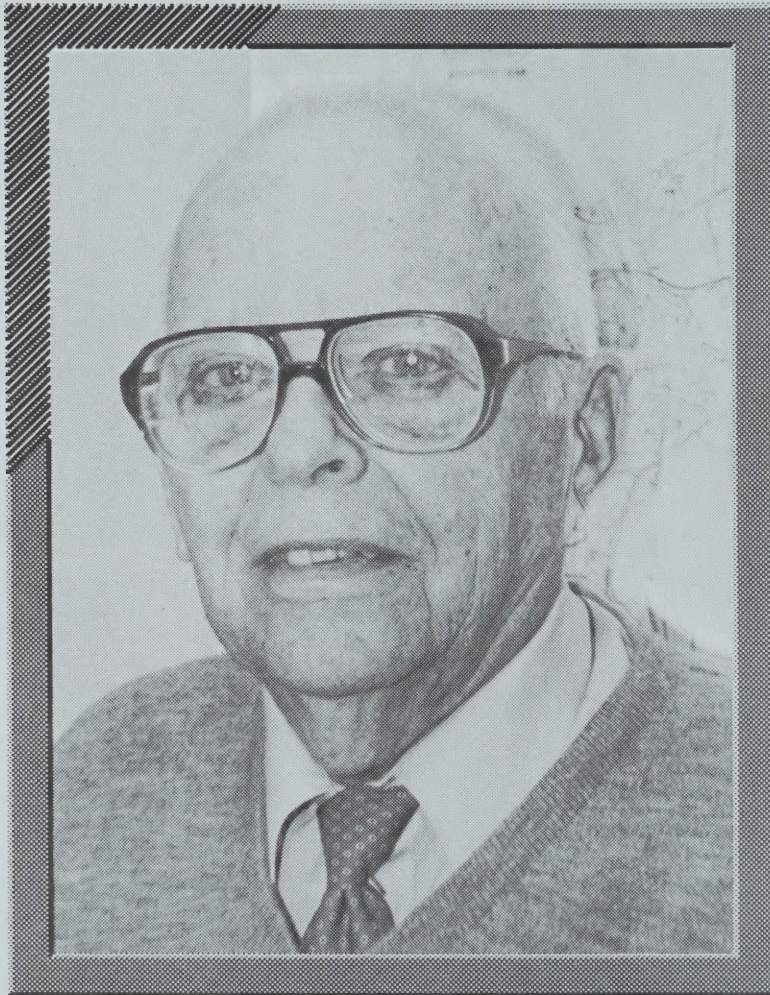
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ANNUAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

The 1996 Town Report is dedicated to
the following two distinguished public servants:



EARLE D. HARDY
1907 – 1996

Earle Hardy served our community in many capacities; Town Manager and Engineer 1968 - 1974, State Representative 1978 - 1988, Bail Commissioner and as a dedicated volunteer on many, many citizen committees throughout the years until his death.

TOWN REPORT DEDICATION



SHERMAN B. CARTER
1905 – 1996

Sherm Carter became a U.S. Citizen and moved to Meredith from Novia Scotia in 1926, started his public career joining the Meredith Volunteer Fire Department in 1931, serving over 45 years in many leadership positions and as Fire Chief 1965 - 1980. Sherm also served as a Selectman 1956 - 1959 and in many Meredith civic organizations.

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Town Officers

December 31, 1996

SELECTMEN

Edith B. Mongo, Chairman, 1997

James F. Hughes, 1998

Paul R. Lessard, 1999

Town Manager & Tax Collector

Town Planner

Moderator, 1998

Town Clerk, 1999

Deputy Town Clerk

Treasurer, 1999

Deputy Tax Collector

Code Enforcement & Health Officer

Finance Director

Water & Sewer Superintendent

Public Works Director

Planning & Zoning Clerk

Animal Control Officer

Peter G. Russell

John Edgar

Kenneth A. Jollimore

Pauline L. Fournier

Paula L. Jones

Richard Pendergast

Valerie Fogg

John W. Dever, Jr.

Jeffrey C. Towne, CPA

Robert Hill

Barry Cotton

Mary Lee Harvey

Lawrence E. Swain

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Thomas J. Boriso, 1998, Meredith

David M. Lawton, 1998, Meredith

POLICE DEPARTMENT

John P. Curran, Chief

Bonnie Calzada, Administrative Officer

Keith True, Juvenile Officer

James Cerami, Patrolman

William B. Sipes, Patrolman

Kevin Morrow, Patrolman

Paul Dillon, Lieutenant

John Egan, Sergeant

Glenn Rollins, Patrolman

Robert E. L. Chance, Patrolman

Michael Harper, Patrolman

Dispatchers: Debra Bunker, Deborah Lewis, Robert Nichols

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fred E. Copp, Retired Chief, 10-30-96

Charles G. Palm, Chief, 1-1-97

G. Wendell Whitcher, 1st Asst. Chief

Andre Kloetz, 2nd Asst. Chief

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Roy E. Howe, Sr.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Steven R. Bennett

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Cheryl A. Saltzberg, Director

Adam Downs, 1998
Nicholas Houhoulis, 1997
Linda Colombine, 1998

Dennis V. O'Leary, 1998
Gale B. White, 1999

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Janice A. Phillips, 1998

Jonathan D. James, 1997

Kenneth Haley, 1997

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Deborah K. McNeish, Chairman, 2002

Lucienne M. Boulanger, 1998

Brenda L. Thibeault, 2000

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lydia Torr, Librarian

Virginia Nicoll, 1998
June Corrigan, 1998
Paul Eldridge, 1997
Kathleen S. Peverly, 1997

Laurie A. Brothers, 1999
Duncan McNeish, 1997
G. Wendell Whitcher, 1999

PLANNING BOARD

Marvin P. Keniston, Chairman, 1997

Joseph Nardone, 1999
Robert Flanders, 1999
Ray Porcell, 1998

Sandra Price, 1997
Roger Sorell, 1997
Paul R. Lessard, Selectman

Alternates:

Ralph Losee, 1999; William Bayard, 1997; James Hughes, Selectman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

James Miller, Chairman, 1997

Kenneth Haley, 1997
Rawalt Stedge, 1999

Fred Hawkins, 1998
Ralph Losee, 1999

Alternate:

John Mack, 1998

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Merritt Webb, Chairman, 1997

Helen W. Bertholet, 1997
Phyllis Hamblet, 1998
Lucie LaPlante, 1998

Samuel Citron, 1999
Scott Sorell, 1999

Alternate:

Anne Kershaw, 1997

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

John Hodsdon, 1997

Report from the Meredith Board of Selectmen

To our citizens of Meredith:

As we report the close of 1996, we are pleased to provide a few reminders of another busy, productive and eventful year within our community.

Early in the year, volunteers joined together to work in the cold, starting on ice and ending in the frigid waters of Meredith Bay, to build a community walkway around Bay Point joining nearly 1/3 mile of your Town Parks. The walkway was enjoyed by many in this first year.

The Spring and Summer brought Community Park on Main Street and long awaited bathrooms for the public's convenience. A volunteer committee designed and oversaw construction of the first phase of the property. We are asking you to approve funding for the final phase this year, enhancing our historical Waukegan Canal, providing a one lane vehicle bridge to connect our parking areas and other enhancements. This project started with Latchkey Charities, Inc., a volunteer group of businessmen. One of the founders, Jim Sutherland, held a community vision for our downtown and Jim will be long remembered and missed by us all.

Adjacent land behind Prescott Park was obtained from the Woodman family. In 1997, we will be undertaking a master plan of Prescott Park, in conjunction with the InterLakes School District and other volunteers, to design additional recreational fields and linking the park directly with our schools.

Milfoil treatment of Meredith Bay is planned for early June to maintain our desirable downtown Lake Winnepesaukee waterfront.

We continue to financially plan for our future. We again propose expendable trust funds to meet our future needs in an affordable way.

Our municipal budget, as proposed, once again maintains the same municipal tax rate.

A major road project, Pleasant Street, requires bonding. Our last road bonding debt payment is in 1997. We propose this amount of funds for repayment of a Pleasant Street bond beginning in 1998.

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This project includes replacing 5100' of undersized water main, 450' of sagged sewer main, 4850' of underground drainage, rebuilding 1860' of existing sidewalk, building 3400' of new sidewalk and construction 5900' of Town road. The work would be bid for the 1998 season.

We are also proposing an innovative sewer extension project for Needle Eye Road and the nearby area of Route 3 South. This proposal called "Tax Increment Financing" pays for the public improvements with future property taxes raised by future growth within the district and not by our other properties in Town.

Perambulation of Town line borders began in 1996. State law requires this to be accomplished every 7 years; this project will continue in 1997.

This report mentions only a few of our town wide activities. Please review the Town Manager and other Departmental Reports to learn of further accomplishments.

And finally, we wish to thank you, as it is because of your interest as citizens, volunteers and our dedicated Town employees that Meredith's projects and tasks are successful. Meredith is what it is today because of everyone's involvement.

In closing, we have tried to address all issues brought before us, some take longer to address than others, however. We wish to thank you citizens for your support, confidence and patience, making it a rewarding pleasure to serve you.

Sincerely,

Edith B. Mongo, Chairman
James F. Hughes
Paul R. Lessard
Meredith Board of Selectmen

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Town Manager's Report

To the citizens of Meredith:

Once again, we close another busy year in Meredith; I wish to thank you for your input and support, especially our employees and many dedicated volunteers.

The Selectmen's and other Departmental Reports within this Annual Report discuss our many endeavors of 1996, Public Works especially.

A number of infrastructure improvements were undertaken in 1996 and planning completed for proposed work in 1997. The Wagon Wheel Trail pressure sewer betterment assessment was bid in late 1996, work began, but had to close down for the winter; the project will be completed in the Spring/Summer.

The concrete ramp at the Route 3 boat launch was replaced in late fall; installation of a similar ramp at our Shep Brown's Facility will be done in 1997.

Work continued on Reservoir Park this year; the first trail was completed with wetland foot bridges. Poison ivy delayed the opening, however. The permit approval for pesticide spraying from the NH Pesticide Board was delayed until late fall. Spraying will be accomplished in late Spring to allow for safe utilization of the trail. We continue to work with the one time \$19,019 timber cutting revenue allowance to develop this passive recreation area for your enjoyment.

Our request this year for the expendable trust fund for the Sand/Salt Storage Building will allow construction to commence after permitting. This building will allow for environmentally safe storage for our winter sand and salt; improve utilization and provide much safer employee and equipment conditions.

Our Route 3/25 Task Force continues to work on possible future road improvements while preserving or improving our community character, natural beauty and pedestrian safety. This process has taken longer than anyone imagined, but progress with NH DOT is being made.

Two road improvement projects will be undertaken in conjunction with the State of New Hampshire in the fall of 1997: Route 3 South and the intersections of Neal Shore and

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Westbury Roads and the replacement of a drainage structure and sight distance improvements of Meredith Neck Road between Upper and Lower Meadow Farms.

The sewer project on Waukegan Street is finally planned to be constructed Spring/Summer of 1997. The street reconstruction will be in conjunction with this sewer project.

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome our new Fire Chief "Chuck" Palm. If you have not met Chuck yet, please do.

I have spoken with or worked with many of you citizens or taxpayers, but certainly not everyone. If you have any questions, opinions or concerns, please contact me at the Town Office, 279-4538.

In closing; although Meredith is a very diverse community, I truly enjoy working for and with you all. Thank you.

And finally, this is your community, please get involved!

Sincerely,

Peter G. Russell
Town Manager

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Record of 1996 Town Meeting

TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at St. Charles Auditorium, 281 Daniel Webster Highway, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next, March 12, 1996, from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. for the casting of ballots; and at 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 13, 1996, at the Interlakes Junior/Senior High School Auditorium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on the following articles:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 566, INCLUDES 14 ABSENTEE

ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

- One (1) Selectman for three (3) years
- One (1) Town Clerk three (3) years
- One (1) Treasurer for three (3) years
- One (1) Trustee of Trust funds for three (3) years
- One (1) Moderator for two (2) years
- One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for six (6) years
- Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years
- One (1) Library Trustees for two (2) years
- Two (2) Library Trustees for one (1) year

Selectman for three years

Paul R. Lessard	426
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Town Clerk for three years

Pauline L. Fournier	528
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Treasurer for three years

Thomas Boucher (write-in)	8
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Richard Pendergast (write-in)	8
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Declared elected on March 18 by coin toss.

Trustee of Trust funds for three years

Moderator for two years

Kenneth A. Jollimore	500
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Supervisor of the Checklist for six years

Deborah Kemp McNeish	500
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Library Trustees for three years	VOTE FOR TWO
Laurie A. Brothers	299
Helen Schnoebelen	265
Gordon W. Whitcher	379

Library Trustees for two years	VOTE FOR ONE
June Corrigan	233
Margaret T. Lee	145
Barbara Manson	104

Library Trustees for one year	VOTE FOR TWO
Alan A. Cook	217
Paul S. Eldridge	351
Kathleen S. Peverly	228

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with “Bed and Breakfast House” uses?

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT: To allow “Bed and Breakfast House” as a permitted use in the Residential District; to require a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment if building expansion is involved; and to replace “Lodging Houses” with “Bed and Breakfast House” as a permitted use in the Forestry/ Rural, Shoreline, Commercial/ Route 3 South and Central Business Districts..

422 YES

110 NO

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with “Recreational Vehicles”?

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT: To prohibit the occupation of a “Recreational Vehicle” on *vacant* property. The amendment would permit the use of a “Recreational Vehicle” as an accessory use to an existing dwelling unit having utilities including septic or sewage disposal. This requirement would not apply to campgrounds, nor does it change existing provisions concerning duration of use (30 days per calendar year).

365 YES

162 NO

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with structures damaged by accidental means?

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT: To require that any structure damaged by accidental means must be rebuilt, repaired or removed within one (1) year of the date of the occurrence.

423 YES

114 NO

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with “Personal and Professional Offices”?

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT: To allow “Personal and Professional Offices” by Special Exception in the Residential and Shoreline Zoning Districts. The Special Exception requirement would not apply to “Home Occupations” but would apply in situations where a commercial office use exceeds home occupation standards.

338 YES

188 NO

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance having to do with requirements for soil erosion and sedimentation control plans?

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT: To require an approved soil erosion and sedimentation control plan for all *new* construction or lot conversion where “earth disturbing activity” is within 250’ feet of a lake or pond; to set forth a flexible framework for the determination of plan requirements; and to require certification from the landowner and contractor acknowledging responsibility to develop the property in accordance with the approved plan.

387 YES

136 NO

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with “cultural uses”?

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT: To define “Cultural Uses” to include galleries, theaters, museums, arts and craft production; and to allow “Cultural Uses” as permitted uses in the Central Business and Commercial/ Route 3 South Zoning Districts.

459 YES

69 NO

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

The Deliberative Session was opened at 7:00 PM at the ILHS Auditorium by Moderator Jollimore. Anne Jollimore Vice-Regent of DAR led the Flag salute.

Moderator Jollimore asked the non-voters to be segregated on the right. All questions to be directed to the Moderator giving name at the mike.

There will be no reconsideration unless the assembly overrules the Moderator on any one article at the time of voting on that article.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the municipality will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Employee Benefits Fund, for the purpose of severance, retirement, and accrued benefit payments and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000) toward this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. RECOMMEND BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article was moved by Selectman Hughes and seconded by Paul Lessard.

Mr. Jollimore explained the trust fund was for the purposes of severance, retirement and accrued benefit payments. The fund would be in the custody of Trustee of Trust Funds with the Board of Selectman as agents to expend. The funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. Mr. Russell said if the need arose, there would be a public hearing. The auditors had stated previously that this is an unfunded liability and should be corrected.

The Moderator declared the article passed in the affirmative with a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 9

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget.

The article was moved by Selectman Lessard and seconded by Selectman Mongo to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,576,032.00 for the operational expenses of the Town. This includes the Water and Sewer Department which are enterprise funds and have no impact on the tax rate. The amount to be raised by taxes is \$3,752,270.00

No discussion.

Moderator declared the article passed in the affirmative by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Landfill Closure Fund, for the purpose of formally closing the Town owned Landfill on Jenness Hill Road and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) toward this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

The article was moved by Selectmen Mongo and seconded by Selectman Hughes. Moderator Jollimore explained that this would create an expendable trust fund in the custody of the Trustees and the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Manager Russell explained this amount was not to close the landfill but to start a fund so that in the future the closure cost of between half to three-quarter million dollars would not be a single year tax impact. There were questions and discussions from the floor in regard to the procedure of the actual closing. Moderator declared the article passed in the affirmative by unanimous voice vote.

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ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Sand/Salt Storage Building Fund, for the purpose of constructing a building to store sand and salt and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) toward this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The article was moved by Selectman Hughes and seconded by Selectman Lessard.

There was considerable discussion from the assembly regarding cost, type of construction, necessity and environment damage. Karen Sticht and Jack Carty spoke against the article, It was felt that the price was too high. Mr. Hughes stated that through the bid process that it was hoped that the cost would be less. Moderator declared the article passed in the affirmative with a voice vote. There were some nays.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Municipal Building Fund, for the purpose of providing additional Municipal Office space and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) toward this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The article was moved by Selectman Lessard and seconded by Mrs. Mongo. There was some discussion as to the time table. Mr. Russell indicated that there was no current plan but we needed to start planning. Mr. David Sticht made a motion to amend the article to read “subject to the approval of Town Meeting.” Seconded by David Kuether.

Some discussion of the amendment. Amendment passed in the affirmative.

The article as amended was declared passed in the affirmative with a voice vote by Moderator Jollimore.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Public Works Dump Truck Replacement Fund, for the purpose of purchasing a dump truck and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) toward this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The article was moved by Selectman Mongo and seconded by Mr. Hughes.

Some discussion on the purpose of the trust fund articles. Mr. Lessard explained that the Board was trying to level-fund and not be jolted with large expenses.

Article passed in the affirmative by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) to upgrade Dolloff Brook Road to Town specifications. Any cost (initial repairs and maintenance bond) relating to this project could be assessed to the property owners on that road. The betterment assessment is contingent upon the availability of clear deed title. If clear title is not available, said appropriation and betterment assessment shall become null and void. **RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It was moved by Selectman Hughes and seconded by Mr. Lessard to pass the article as read.

No discussion

Passed in the affirmative by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote a "Special Warrant Article" to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the creation and construction of Community Park, Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$40,900) to be raised by taxation and Nine Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$9,100) to be transferred to the General Fund from the Land Use Change Tax Fund. This will be a **non-lapsing** account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the Park is completed or in two years following the end of this fiscal year, which ever is less. RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Selectmen Lessard made a motion to move the article as read. Seconded by Mrs. Mongo.

There was considerable discussion on the article. Paige Kuether spoke against the article. Mrs. Mongo and Mr. Lessard spoke in favor of the article.

Moderator Jollimore declared the article passed in the affirmative by voice vote. There were a few nays.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$36,700) for the following purposes:

\$20,000 State Aid Reconstruction Program - 2 to 1 match for improvements to various roads under the State Aid Reconstruction Program, provided that the State of New Hampshire appropriates Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000); and

\$16,700 Community Enhancement Program - Safety and aesthetic improvements on Route 3 North.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article was moved by Selectmen Mongo and seconded by Mr. Hughes.

Some discussion.

Article passed in the affirmative by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town shall recommend that the Board of Selectmen continue or discontinue the utilization of the Inventory of Taxable Property form.

Article was moved by Max Jenness, seconded by Helen Schnoebelen.

There was considerable discussion on this article.

Article passed to discontinue the inventory forms with a voice vote with a few nays.

The Town Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM by Moderator Jollimore after a motion from Mr. Hughes.

Attest: Pauline L. Fournier

Meredith Town Clerk

03-25-96

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Assessing Department

Lena Watson Bolton, Assessor

An assessment update of all taxable properties in Meredith was completed this past fall by the Assessors Office. The new assessments were used for the 1996 warrant.

Besides the assessment update the Assessing Department updated its appraisal software and hardware. With the updated software, the Assessing Department has expanded its capability to provide information.

I have been concentrating on making information available to all property owners in Meredith. With this as my objective, I have made available at the library a list of all assessments. The list is printed in 3 different formats: by owner name, by street address and by map & lot. These lists will be updated as I update the counter books in the Assessing Office. Also, at the library for interested property owners is a booklet detailing current land use.

The State Legislature made some changes to the elderly exemption. The legislature repealed all of the existing elderly tax exemptions and replaced them with one uniform elderly exemption law. The law preserves local option to the same extent as prior law. Municipalities have the option of increasing the level of the exemption and setting higher income and asset limitations. At the 1997 Town Meeting, one of the warrant articles will be to modify the elderly exemption.

In closing, I would like to remind Meredith property owners that the Inventory of Taxable Property form is no longer required. The townspeople voted at the 1996 Town Meeting, Article 17, to discontinue the form in Meredith.

Buildings & Grounds Department

Walter Morton, Supervisor

After serving the Town of Meredith for almost nine years, Joseph L. LaFrance retired on April 1, 1996. We would like the residents of the Town of Meredith to join us in extending our appreciation to Joe for the many years that he has devoted to the Department and wish him success in his retirement.

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Buildings & Grounds Department continued...

The Department continues to maintain all Town owned property including sport fields, parks, beaches, docks, and buildings. In 1996, we constructed two of the three foot bridges in Waukegan Highlands Community Park. We also placed a new swingset in Prescott Park and one at Leavitt Beach. We look forward to building new dugouts at Prescott Park in 1997. We would appreciate any volunteer help in the construction of these dugouts.

We wish to thank the residents of Meredith for their continued support this year and in the future.

Conservation Commission

Merritt Webb, Chairman

In 1996 Miss Lucie LaPlante joined our Commission and her help has been appreciated. Two additional new members are needed in 1997.

The loon area in Lake Wicwas was inspected last August. We found no signs of human disturbance and the habitat signs were in place. Members walked the Bushnell and Moulton LCIP Easements this fall. There were more items installed over the Moulton boundry line behind the Snell Road residences than in prior years. We hope these belongings will be removed in the spring.

Fire Department

Charles G. Palm, Fire Chief

As 1996 came to a close, so did another page in the history of the Meredith Fire Department, with the retiring of Chief Fred Copp. The members of the Department would like to have all of the residents of the Town of Meredith join with us in extending our appreciation to Chief Copp for the many years that he has devoted to the Department and wish him success in his retirement endeavors. Chief Palm joined the Department in 1994 after moving here from Stratham, New Hampshire where he served for over 15 years with the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department and he officially assumed the Chief's position on January 1, 1997.

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Fire Department continued...

The year also marked one of increased activity as summarized below:

Total responses in 1994 = 230, 1995 = 214 & 1996 = 270

The majority of the increase can be attributed to a combination of motor vehicle accidents and alarm activations, many of which were Carbon Monoxide alarms. Fortunately almost all of the carbon monoxide activations were false; however, each of these types of calls is treated with caution by the Department as Carbon Monoxide poisoning is known in the emergency services as the “Silent Killer.” The members of the Department would like to remind each of you to check your detectors frequently, both smoke and carbon monoxide, it only takes a couple of minutes a month to do.

Most of the Department members completed a variety of certified training courses during the year, including Emergency Medical, Driver and Pump Operations, Hazard Materials, Fire Fighter (both Levels 1 and Career) and Incident Command. In addition members also refreshed many of their emergency skills during regular Department training.

As in the past, we hope that you will join with us in extending our sincere appreciation to the local businesses, for allowing our members to leave their job assignments when the call arises, most notably: Meredith Village Savings Bank, Meredith Harley Davidson, Lakeside Plumbing, Village Canvas, and Meredith Plumbing & Heating. It is only with the support of these and other local businesses that a volunteer fire department can successfully exist.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our services to the various organizations in the Town should you desire to have us visit one of your meetings to share some of our knowledge concerning smoke of carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers or perhaps some other phase of the fire service. In closing, thank you all for your continued support and have a fire safe 1997.

Forest Fires

Roy E. Howe, Sr., Forest Fire Warden

During 1996, it was a relatively quiet year for forest fires. There were three fires in Meredith, burning less than one acre.

Burn Permits are required when there is no snow on the ground. Burning Permits may be obtained from the Fire Warden, Fire Chief or at the Municipal Office. Permits help prevent call outs by the Fire Department, so please be sure to obtain one before burning.

Meredith Public Library

Lydia M. Torr, Library Director

Marilyn E. Rushton, Assistant Director

<u>Annual Circulation</u>			
Books and Periodicals	87,258	Books	84,103
Audio Visual Materials	22,222	Periodicals	3,756
Interlibrary Loans	2,155	Registered Borrowers	4,120
Reference Questions Answered	2,638	Costumes	675

<u>Acquisitions</u>			
Books	2,960	Total Inventory	30,855
Audio Visuals	324	Total Circulation	112,310
Gifts	738		
Lost/Discarded	1,167		

Our continued success is due to you, the Meredith taxpayers. Thank you for your intense support and caring.

Planning & Zoning Department

John C. Edgar, Town Planner

John W. Dever, Jr., Code Enforcement Officer

Mary Lee Harvey, Clerk

<u>Planning Board Application Summary - 1996</u>			
Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	20	Pre-Application Consultations	9
Home Occ. Site Plan Approvals	2	Scenic Road Tree Cutting Approvals	2
Subdivision Approvals	5	Application Withdrawals	1
Boundary Line Adj. Approvals	9	Revocation and/or Disapprovals	0

<u>Zoning Board Summary - 1996</u>			
Variance Applications	50	Special Exceptions Granted	36
Variances Granted	38	Special Exceptions Denied	2
Variances Denied	8	Admin. Decision Appeals	3
Applications Withdrawn	4	Admin. Decision Appeals Denied	3
Special Exception Applications	38	Rehearing Requests Granted	0

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Planning & Zoning Department continued...

Building Permit Activity - 1996

New Single-Family Homes	56	Garages/Storage Buildings	35
New Two-Family Homes	0	Renovations & Repairs	98
Demolition	11	Driveways	13
Fences	10	Docks	12
Swimming Pools	2	Other Misc. Structures/Renovations	41

In addition to the above, the following major commercial construction projects have highlighted 1996:

Brian Allen/Latchkey Charities	Annalee's Kid Works
Meredith Woods Campground Expansion	St. Charles Church
Cumberland Farms Proposed Expansion	Betty Baker's
Jutton's Greenhouse & Garden Center	

Police Department

John P. Curran, Chief

Your Police Department has experienced some changes this past year: long-time police officer, Sergeant Donald E. Belyea, retired after serving the Town of Meredith for twenty seven years. As expected, he put his own unique stamp on the department; it will not be the same without him, but we have filled his position with John Egan, also a veteran officer. As many of you know, John was our Juvenile Officer for many years, touching the lives of many of our youths. The Juvenile Officer position was filled by Keith True, a native of Meredith, and a police officer for the past six years.

We are working hard to maintain our proficiency in the following areas as required: the law, firearms, the law, community policing techniques, the law.... We are all looking forward to working with the other Town Departments to make the Town of Meredith the best in which to live, work and raise children.

	1994	1995	1996
Calls For Service	18,620	23,634	25,189
Warnings/Checkups	1,011	1,253	1,481
Summonses	163	535	304
Arrests	206	276	244

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Police Department ~ Animal Control

Lawrence E. Swain, Animal Control Officer

Dogs licensed	912	Service calls	634
Shelter trips	396	Bites reported	43

NH RSA 466:1 requires that all owners and keepers of dogs three months old or over to be licensed annually by April 30th by the Town Clerk. Rabies have been reported in the State of New Hampshire and it is important that your pets are vaccinated for the protection of the animal as well as the public.

Public Works Department

Barry P. Cotton, Public Works Director

1996 was an active and busy year for the Department of Public Works. Many accomplishments were realized through cooperative efforts of all municipal departments and the very dedicated employees within the Department of Public Works. Heavy demands were placed on employees and equipment in handling winter maintenance activities. The Public Works Department Employees thank you for your cooperation and understanding in handling the challenges of this unusual winter season.

The development in Community Park on Main Street was a direct result of intensive efforts and labor by both Community Park Committee members and Town employees. We look forward to continuing this project in 1997.

There were several road reconstruction projects completed in 1996:

Blake Road, which was reconstructed to a new gravel surface in 1995, was completed in 1996 with a new asphalt pavement overlay.

Windsong Place received drainage and gravel improvements along with a new asphalt overlay to the intersection at Serenity Lane.

Hemlock Drive received drainage and gravel improvements along with a new asphalt overlay from NH Route 104 to the intersection at Reservoir Road.

True Road received drainage and gravel improvements along with a new asphalt overlay from NH Route 25 to the intersection at Inter-Lakes Mobile Home Park.

Old Barn Road had a drainage culvert and catch basin installed. Gravel improvements and asphalt pavement overlay on this road is scheduled for 1997.

In closing, the employees of the Department of Public Works thank all of you for your continued support.

Recreation Department

Cheryl A. Saltzberg, Recreation Director

The Parks and Recreation Department had a busy and successful year offering a variety of programs for all ages. The Department experienced a major increase in participation in many of the activities. The Summer Playground enrolled over 190 youths between the ages of 6-14. The Youth Soccer Program for Grades K-2 had almost 100 children who participated last fall.

The Waukegan Highlands Community Park, also known as the Reservoir Property, is expected to open in Spring 1997. We have neared completion of one trail leading to the pond. This trail is about 2000 feet long and has the highest degree of accessibility within the context of the overall trail plan. We obtained the necessary permits and constructed a 70 ft. elevated boardwalk to cross over some wetlands. We are hoping to open one other trail in 1997.

The Meredith Boy Scouts Troop #55 received an award for their Elm Tree Program and plan on making a small donation to the park project. We are looking for individuals/groups to work at the Park to help us in completing the trail system. Anyone interested should contact the Recreation Office.

The Community Center Committee presented the Selectmen with design plans for a three phase building at Prescott Park. The Committee is initially seeking approval of Phase 1, which consists of a multi-purpose room, game room, kitchen, offices, and meeting rooms.

Thank you to the community and to the other departments for the continued support and interest in Recreation. On behalf of the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, thank you for making 1996 such a successful year.

Solid Waste Department

Barry Cotton, Director of Public Works

In 1996 a major ongoing legal dispute between the Sullivan County Solid Waste District and Wheelabrator Technologies was settled. This resulted in a substantial decrease in trash disposal costs for both the Towns of Meredith and Center Harbor. This savings should be realized during 1997.

The Pilot Project introduced last year with asphalt shingles has proven to be a very positive recycling program. This program will continue to strengthen in 1997.

A new waste oil furnace was installed at the recycling facility. This was a result of the Town of Meredith receiving a \$1500.00 grant from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. This grant enables the Solid Waste Facility to enhance the collection and disposal of used motor oil collected on a regular basis at our facility.

Drop off locations for both brush and leaves are now located at the rear of the recycling facility. We ask that users of the facility please help us by not mixing contaminants in with leaves or brush. If you have any questions on proper disposal, please ask for assistance. I would like to remind the citizens who utilize the Solid Waste Facility that on May 31, 1997 facility use decals will expire. You may purchase a new decal after May 15th at the Municipal Office Building or the Solid Waste Facility.

In closing, I would like to thank the dedicated employees and all the citizens of both Meredith and Center Harbor for your continued support and cooperation.

Water and Sewer Departments

Robert Hill, Superintendent

The Water and Sewer Departments had a very active year. In addition to four water main breaks which were repaired, two main line water gates were removed and new replacement gates were installed, and a new water main gate was installed on Route 3 North. The Sewer Department oversaw the extension of sewer collection mains on Mill Street, Sunset Hill, and the Harbor Hill Campground. A dry hydrant was replaced at Winona Shores and a chlorination system was installed on Route 104 to provide a more stable chlorine residual in the Meredith Center water distribution system. Also, a new water main blow off was installed at the end of Bayshore Drive.

All EPA required lead, copper, nitrite, radiological, inorganic, synthetic and volatile services were repaired and four new water services were added. Along with routine maintenance, two new pump motors were installed at the Pollard Shores pump station. This year we video taped 3,400 feet of sewer mains. Fourteen major breaks were identified and repaired as a result. The initial phase of the sewer extension on Wagon Wheel Trail began with ledge blasting this fall. This project is scheduled to be completed in early summer of 1997.

In addition to numerous training seminars, the Department hosted the New Hampshire Water Works Association October meeting. On behalf of the Water and Sewer Department employees, I would like to thank you for your support.

Local
Organizations
and
Supported
Outside Agencies

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Meredith Organizations 1996 ~ 1997

Baptist Church

Rev. Stephen Neill 279-8108

Congregational Church

Dr. J. Betournay 279-6271

Free Will Baptist Church

(Meredith Center)

Pastor Brian Blair

LR. Assembly of God

Pastor R. Bowden 279-6110

Altrusa

Leslie Sturgeon 279-5525

Astra

Monica Bennett 279-8933

Boy Scout Troop/Cub Scouts #55

W. Nunamacher 279-8707

Chocorua Lodge #83 F&AM

279-7485

Ellacoya Chapter #43, OES

Doris LaVallee 279-8065

InterLakes Day Care Center

Connie Pelletier 279-8903

Calvary Bible Church

Rev. Paul Bertolino 279-6025

Episcopal Church

Rev. Robin Thomas 279-6689

Full Gospel Assembly

Rev. C. Erion Buker, Jr.

St. Charles Catholic Church

Rev. Msgr. Pichette 279-4403

American Legion Post #33

Hayward Price, Commander
279-8503

Chamber of Commerce

Sue Cerutti 279-6121

Community Action Program

Pru Tylanda, Director 279-4069

InterLakes Arts & Crafts

Nancy LaFrance 279-8721

Lakes Region Symphony

279-3324

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Meredith Organizations continued...

Lakeside Rebekah Lodge #34
Nancy LaFrance 279-8721

Meredith Historical Society
Helen Schnoebelen 279-8704

Meredith Kiwanis
Wm. Nunamacher 279-8707

Meredith/Laconia Arts & Crafts
279-7920

Meredith Police Association
Kevin Morrow 279-4561

Meredith Senior Center
Carol McCarthy 279-5631

Meredith Youth Soccer
Earl Dodge 279-6702

Rotary Club
Bruce Skawinski 279-5529

4-H Club (Lucky Lakers)
Lucie LaPlante 279-8250

Latchkey Charities, Inc.
Chris Williams 279-6513

Meredith Women's Progress Club
Betty Newell 279-8919

Meredith/InterLakes Alumni Assoc.
R. Joseph Dever 279-4345

Meredith Lions Club
Jack Carty 279-4140

Meredith Public Health/Nursing
June Plummer 279-6611

Meredith Youth Basketball
Jere Burrows 279-6396

Reach
Ann Plunkett 279-6734

Sno-Streakers Snowmobile Club
Tom Joslin 279-7726

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School

Connie Pelletier, Director

We wish to thank the Town of Meredith for their continued support of our programs. Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is a private, non-profit fully licensed, non-denominational, tax exempt community child care agency incorporated in October 1971, and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Our Center is open on a year round basis from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM in one site and 6:00 PM in the other, making it possible for parents to maintain employment. Services include full and part time child care, morning preschool programs, summer day camp programs, and USDA approved hot meals and snacks. Through the State of New Hampshire under Title XX sliding fee scale tuition, based on income level and family size, is available for purposes of employment, training and pursuit of degree or certificate programs, job search and temporary disability.

Additional services include sponsorship of the Inter-Lakes Family Daycare Nutrition Program, a group of 43 licensed home day care providers who receive federal reimbursement from USDA by serving approved meals and snacks while providing care for children of working parents.

Lakes Region Association

Sandra J. Mucci, Executive Director

The Lakes Region Association is a broad-based, non-profit tourism marketing organization representing the attractions, campgrounds, lodging, recreation, restaurants, retail and related service of central New Hampshire.

The Region's non-profit tourism marketing organization has had a very busy year distributing "Maps & Guides," "Winter Getaway Brochures," "Where To...Guides," and "Lakes Charts for Winnepesaukee, Newfound, Winnisquam and Ossipee." The Lakes Region Association also participated in the Lakes Region Heritage Round Table, Travel Council, Manchester Airport Advisory Board, Vacation in your Backyard Trade Show and Eastern States Exposition.

Lakes Region Community Services Council

Stephen C. Maguire, Asst. Executive Director

Throughout 1996, the Lakes Region Community Services Council has continued to serve those Meredith residents who have a developmental disability. Services such as: residential, vocational, family support and transportation have long become an inherent part of their lives. Our transportation system “Greater Laconia Transit Agency” continues to serve the general public as well as the specific transportation needs of disabled individuals.

Funding from the Town of Meredith has been and will continue to be earmarked for support for this transportation system.

Lakes Region Family Service Association, Inc.

Kathleen Dotter, Executive Director

Lakes Region Family Service Association is a private, non-profit social service agency which offers supportive services to individuals and families from Meredith. The agency has been in existence for over 25 years in the Lakes Region. The mission of the agency is to strengthen and support families by offering programs that promote healthy relationships among adults, parents and their children. We are committed to offering accessible and affordable services to individuals throughout the Lakes Region.

The agency has five core programs. These include the Counseling Program, the Mediation Program, the Parent Aide Program, the Child Advocacy Program, and the Family Life Institute. We offer a wide variety of parenting groups, workshops, and therapy groups for children, adolescents, and adults.

Our Counseling Program offers services on a sliding scale basis and also accepts Medicaid and many insurances. There is no waiting list for services. Evening and Saturday hours are available. Parent-child and family mediations are offered free of charge, as are our child advocacy services (for children under the age of 18 who have been sexually abused and their families.) Divorce mediation is available at reasonable rates.

Over the last two years, we have been increasing our educational offerings to families at very affordable rates. We are conducting these throughout the region at locations which make attending more accessible. These services are not offered through the Family Life Institute. For further information please call us at 524-5835.

SUPPORT OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Lakes Region Planning Commission

Kimon Koulet, Executive Director

The Lakes Region Planning Commission is a voluntary, non-profit association of local governments formed for the purpose of bringing area municipalities together. By associating and pooling resources, local governments have access to a highly trained professional staff for a wide variety of services. The LRPC works to benefit the member communities and the region overall. The LRPC has expertise in land use and transportation planning, master planning, environmental planning, capital improvement programming, economic and community development, housing, fiscal and environmental impact analysis, geographic information systems, household hazardous waste collections, engineering and site plan review. Circuit rider planning and public facilitation services are also available from the Commission.

Over the past year the LRPC:

- Provided consultation and technical assistance to thirty-one member communities.

- Co-hosted three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues.

- Produced and distributed newsletters focusing on planning topics and issues relevant to the Lakes Region.

- Coordinated the 12th annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection, the largest single day, multi-site collection in New Hampshire.

We look forward to serving Meredith in the future. Feel free to contact us at 279-8171 whenever we can be of assistance.

Meredith Chamber of Commerce

Susan Cerutti, Executive Director

The Meredith Chamber of Commerce consists of over two hundred and forty businesses who are organized to promote and represent the business interests of the area. While the most noticeable activities of the Chamber are tourist related, all segments of the business community make up the membership.

The major promotional activity of the Chamber in 1996 was the publication and distribution of a four color, high quality brochure designed to attract visitors to Meredith. Funding for the brochure came from the listing fees paid by members and a matching grant from the State of New Hampshire. The brochures were distributed to out of state locations through the Lakes Region Association, CTM Brochure Co., and Keepsake Quilting. The Meredith Chamber continued to work closely with the Lakes Region Association, the New Hampshire Office of Travel and Tourism and other Chambers around the Lake and continues to be a member of the New Hampshire Travel Council, the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire, and Ski NH.

The Information Center was open daily from May through the middle of October and visitors to the Center found a wide array of promotional literature. The staff is well informed and knowledgeable about the area and provided excellent service to those who visited the Center. Staffing the Chamber's Information Center in 1996 were Doris Stone, Lloyd Sprague, Jean Greenlaw, Alex Levy, Tinka Knighton. The Chamber was saddened by the untimely passing of Carol Chatterton who served the Chamber and the tourist industry in a number of ways over the years.

Chamber sponsored events included the Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, the Fourth of July Fireworks, Midnight Madness Sale, Christmas Open House, the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting, and the First Annual Community Yard Sale. Business After Hours are held on a regular basis and members are kept informed of Chamber activities via a monthly newsletter. The year round answering service continues to serve not only the business interests but the community as a whole as many of the calls are requests for general information.

The Chamber is appreciative of the support given to its activities by the community and of the cooperation it receives from the various departments of the Town in carrying out its many projects.

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Meredith Community Action Program

Prudence Tylanda, Area Director

The Meredith CAP provided \$283,920 in services to Meredith residents. Our major concern has always been, and will continue to be, the delivery of needed services to the elderly, handicapped and low income residents of the community.

Some of the services we provide are administration of the fuel assistance program, the Women, Infants and Children Program, congregate meals at the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, emergency food pantry and transportation. For more information, please contact 279-4096.

We wish to thank the Town of Meredith for its continued support of CAP and its programs.

Meredith Emergency Management Agency

Steven R. Bennett, Director

1996 was a very active and productive year for the Meredith Emergency Management Agency. Work has continued for the past two years on the classification and inspection of hazardous materials that are in transit or storage within the Town of Meredith.

In February of 1996, work was completed on a Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan for the Town of Meredith. This document took many years of research with final publication coming in the Spring of 1996.

This document serves as a complete guide for the handling and control of Hazardous Materials should an incident occur in the Town of Meredith. Copies have been given to all the departments that serve with Emergency Management so that any group will have first hand control should they arrive on the scene of a materials incident.

I wish to thank all the people in this community that have assisted me over the past year on projects and inspections designed to give added protection to our citizens.

Meredith Historical Society

Helen Schnoebelen, President

The Meredith Historical Society had a banner year in 1996. The Main Street Museum was open 4 days a week over the summer months allowing 2,756 citizens and visitors to join us at numerous programs, open houses and lectures.

We have made great progress in cataloging and preserving our photographs and costumes so that our resources will be here for generations to come. All of our inventory was put on computer by our summer director. We completely revamped our constitution and by-laws.

This year we received numerous gifts to enhance our growing inventory of Meredith history. With the gift from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests of farm tools, implements, sleighs, carts and carriages, in addition to our own collection, we are now working to open a farm museum at the Pottle Meeting House on Winona Road, realizing yet another goal.

Meredith Public Health Nursing Association

June A. Plummer, RN, Executive Director

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Town of Meredith for their continued strong financial support to our agency. Without your generosity, the operations of this organization would be severely curtailed.

Services in Meredith during 1996 include:

RN Home Visits	2994	Occupational Therapy	14
Speech Therapy	37	CNA Home Visits	2027
Physical Therapy	217	Weekend & Evening Visits	273
Office Visits	936		

Memorial gifts were received in memory of:

Deborah Bailey, Florence Barrett, Richard Beede, Edith A. Berryman, Clarence Bickford, Freeman Brooks, Irving Buell, Rev Clarence Buker, Sr., Sherman Carter, Marcia Currier, Patricia Dunn, Arthur C. Fletcher, Virginia Foshay, Helene Gleason, RN, Alpheus Hutchins, Jr., Alvan Hyde, Marjorie E. Jones, Doris Knott, Carmelle Levesque, Matilda Mardell, Hazel McAndrew, Elizabeth J. McDermott, Delmar Miller, Gladys Moscardini.

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Meredith Public Health Nursing Association continued...

George Newton, Virginia Nichols, Beatrice Palm, John R. Pearson, Jr., Catherine A. Perkins, Virginia Shannon-Winter, Kennerh E. Sorlien, James D. Sutherland, Catherine Taber, Emily Walker, and Harry Wallace.

Meredith Public Health Nursing Association is a Medicare, Medicaid, BCBS approved and state licensed agency that provides Skilled Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Homemaker Service to the residents of Meredith and Center Harbor.

New Beginnings

Kathy Keller, Director

On behalf of New Beginnings, I would like to thank the Town of Meredith for its continued support. New Beginnings staffs a 24-hour crisis line solely with volunteers; operates a full-time shelter for women and children and safe homes for male victims; provides support and advocacy at court, the hospital, police station, and social service agencies; offers peer support groups for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; assists with needs assessment, case management and housing options; and does community outreach and education programs for teens and adults. All our services are provided free of charge.

We greatly appreciate the solid support of the Meredith community. We are dedicated to human service, social responsibility and fiscal accountability. New Beginnings represents a very finite portion of the Meredith budget but the returns are immeasurable. We welcome your participation in our efforts to insure a world of safety for ourselves and our children. Volunteers are always needed and the opportunity to serve is fulfilling and satisfying.

New Hampshire Humane Society

Mark J. Ackerman, Executive Director

The 1996 totals of the number of animals brought to the New Hampshire Humane Society from your Town are as follows:

By your Animal Control Officer:

Dogs & Puppies:	49	Returned to Owner:	40
Cats & Kittens:	8	Returned to Owner:	2

From Residents:

Dogs & Puppies:	27		
Cats & Kittens:	22		
Stray dogs from residents:	7	Returned to Owner:	5
Stray cats from residents:	20	Returned to Owner:	0
Res. Other	5		
Total received from Residents:	81		
Total number of All animals received:	139		

Your Society's shelter has been inspected and licensed by the State and fulfills your animal shelter requirements. Every town has stray animal problems and we encourage your town and especially your Animal Control Officer to call upon us in 1997 if you have any questions.

Meredith Bay Community Walkway

Over the weekend of March 23 and 24, 1996, over 50 area citizens helped build the community walkway. The walkway was constructed with the true spirit of volunteerism, cooperation, and community pride! It is approximately 270' in length and extends from Hesky Park to Scenic Park on Meredith Bay. This project was recognized for a Civic Project Award by the Meredith Chamber of Commerce in 1996.

The Project Committee was co-chaired by Bev Lapham and Butch Keniston and the other members of the committee were Joe Cerutti, Peter Russell, Rusty McLear, Bev Lapham III, and Herb Vadney.

Financial Sponsors were instrumental in the construction of the walkway as well. The Meredith Rotary, Meredith Kiwanis, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Laconia Savings Bank, Horne Insurance, Annalee Dolls, Inn At Bay Point, Wallace Propane, Vutek, Chris Williams, Architect, Village Canvas, Mayhew Funeral Home, and Charwill Construction were financial sponsors.

Additional help and assistance was provided by Boathouse Grill, Chase's Restaurant, Roland Boucher, Chris Williams, Gary Wilson, Bill Blanchett, Gerrity-Wickes Lumber Co., Town of Meredith, Rusty McLear, Liz Lapham, and Wendy Russ.

The following list of volunteers is long but deserves much credit. For without them the project would not have been completed. Thank you to: Bev Lapham, Butch Keniston, Herb Vadney, Bill Lowth, Dick Pendergast, Bev Lapham III, Peter Russell, Steve Bennett, John Starrett, Joe Cerutti, Rick Azzaro, Ron Maher, Dave Hayes, John Humiston, Kevin Sullivan, Bruce Skawinski, Keru Pina, Dave Alstrom, Jack Alvord, Tom Croasdale, Bill Nunamacher, Dave Hanson, Norm McGuigan, Jack Dever, Kevin Pernvey, Bob Hammond, Kevin Keenan, Jim Ogden, Duncan Simons, Tony Romano, Chuck Lowth, Buddy Long, Chris McDonald, Les Smith, John Osuchowski, Bob Jones, Paula Jones, John Edgar, John Fitzgerald, Janet Rollins, Louann Breen, Sal Bramante, Jim Martin, Dick Secord, and Tom Fairbrother.

Main Street Community Park

Through the assistance of committee volunteers and Town Employees in 1996, the former Rust building property was turned into a beautiful passive Main Street Community Park. Public bathrooms were also constructed in the alley between the Latchkey building and Samaha's. The 1997 plans include donation and volunteer landscaping, Waukewan Canal enhancements, relocation of the foot bridge and connection of parking areas by a one lane vehicle bridge and the completion of the parking lot.

Committee member volunteers from the following local civic organizations and the public are as follows: Larry Cotter, Chairman, Kiwanis; Dick Secord, Rotary; Jack Carty, Lions; Nancy Starrett, Altrusa; Barbara Beck, Garden Club; Helen Schnobelen, Historical Society; and Deb O'Hara, resident and public volunteer.

The "Buy-a-Brick" fund raising drive began in 1996 and will continue into 1997. A brick can be inscribed with the wording of your choice - up to 3 lines with up to 14 characters per line at a price of \$50.00. The brick will be placed in the walk at the Main Street Community Park. If you would like more information regarding this program, you may contact the committee members or see the information available at the Municipal Town Office.



VITAL STATISTICS

Births

<u>Date</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>
01/05/96	Christopher A. Pickering	Glenn A. Pickering	Anne M. Tice
01/14/96	Kevin M. Peverly	Kevin J. Peverly	Kathleen K. Sullivan
01/21/96	Astrid Renee Guay	William J. Guay	Astrid R. Redmond
02/11/96	Matthew Joseph Duso	Joseph E. Duso	Sharon A. Ethier
03/08/96	Jackson B. Plyler	Jay H. Plyler	Sally A. Smith
03/16/96	Jennifer E. Pelczar	Michael J. Pelczar	Dawne M. Galietta
03/26/96	Kandia J. Kovacs	Kevin J. Kovacs	Shawna J. Deslauriers
04/03/96	Amber-Leigh S. Marceau	Alan T. Marceau	Tracy A. McGuire
04/11/96	Cheyenne M. Dubois	Douglas A. Dubois	Tina M. Morin
04/28/96	John William Reistrom	John T. Reistrom	Tracy L. Collins
05/06/96	Lydia Carol Swedberg	John M. Swedberg, Jr.	Carol Kounkoulas
05/11/96	Savannah Marie Sorell	Ames O. Sorell, III	Kim M. Poire
05/13/96	Kayleigh Marie Bennett	Tracy L. Bennett	Kathryn A. Myrtle
05/22/96	Madison Springwater McKenna	Jason D. McKenna	Heather E. Lambert
06/26/96	Dominic Christopher Osier	Jonathan M. Osier	Shannon M. Zagrannis
06/28/96	Andrew John Campbell	Thomas H. Campbell	Kathleen A. Cote
07/10/96	Jecen Michael Osuchowski	John M. Osuchowski	Lorette E. Resch
07/20/96	Natalie Rose Duffield	John P. Duffield	Allison L. Gallimore
07/31/96	Destin Blade Fitts	Christopher M. Fitts	Beth A. Boutte
08/02/96	Gary Thomas King, Jr.	Gary T. King, Sr.	Julie M. Willard
08/11/96	Zachary Thomas Buskey	Thomas G. Buskey, Jr.	Rose M. Duquette
08/20/96	Nicolas Alden Law	Stephen R. Law	Dawn M. Alden
08/22/96	Reilly Ford Donovan	Paul F. Donovan, Jr.	Betsey L. Moulton
09/12/96	Pauline L. Donaldson	Roderick S. Donaldson	Virginia M. Huber
09/12/96	Kerry Lawrence Dempsey	Terrance J. Dempsey	Margaret J. Ruth
09/17/96	Owen Merrill Rushing	Brad S. Rushing	Heather M. Loghry
09/18/96	Sarah Abigail Sundius	Steven A. Sundius	Mary E. Welsh
09/25/96	Allison Lee Scannell	John F. Scannell, Jr.	Lee Ann Lopez
10/02/96	Ian Sutherland Campbell	Charles F. Campbell	Pamela D. Nitz
10/16/96	Emily Doyle Robinson	Bernad J. Robinson	Karen E. Doyle
10/18/96	Charlotte Pelczar Morrow	Kevin A. Morrow	Patricia A. Pelczar
10/21/96	Alex Lee Whipple	Terry A. Whipple	Beth A. Lansol
10/24/96	Brandon Scot Smith	Timothy S. Smith	Cassandra A. Snell
10/25/96	Evan Craig Bastraw	Craig S. Bastraw	Melinda A. Molan
11/04/96	Cameron Charles Sweeney	Patrick J. Sweeney	Rebecca B. Kendrick
11/10/96	Amanda Lee Downs	Adam L. Downs	Michelle R. Poudrier
12/08/96	Erin Elizabeth Fay	Timothy J. Fay	Dori A. Dearborn
12/16/96	Trevor J. Colby	Curtis G. Colby	Renee T. Gelinas
12/19/96	Nicholas J. Galietta	Alfred E. Galietta, Jr.	Lynn M. Carlson
12/28/96	Brittany C. Krasner	Jeffrey M. Krasner	Julie L. Walton

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Groom's Residency</u>	<u>Bride's Maiden Name</u>	<u>Bride's Residency</u>
01/19/96	Harold L. Meehan	Meredith, NH	Rosemary E. Melanson	Meredith, NH
01/26/96	Raymond V. Picarello	Laconia, NH	Tracy Childs	Meredith, NH
02/17/96	Kevin J. Kovacs	Meredith, NH	Shawna J. Deslauries	Meredith, NH
03/17/96	Daniel R. Turgeon	Meredith, NH	Muriel A. Gaudette	Meredith, NH
04/13/96	Gregory K. Pond	Newburyport, MA	Kathleen E. Payne	Newburyport, MA
05/04/96	John Rosset	Meredith, NH	Christine Dibartolomeo	Meredith, NH
05/24/96	William S. Finer	Meredith, NH	Pamela M. Copp	Meredith, NH
05/25/96	Dennis R. Brady	Meredith, NH	Margaret R. Page	Meredith, NH
06/01/96	Matthew E. Wood	Boulder, CO	Heather Brackett	Meredith, NH
06/01/96	Timothy B. Adams	Meredith, NH	Mary Ann T. Sottile	Meredith, NH
06/01/96	Eric J.K. Tinker	Meredith, NH	Heather L. Dole	Meredith, NH
06/01/96	Daniel F. Sullivan	Dorchester, MA	Sheila K. Watts	Dorchester, MA
06/02/96	Kerry J. Smith	San Diego, CA	Yoshimi Katsuya	Funabashi, Japan
06/08/96	John W. Norton	Hull, MA	Mary Anne Farnham	Malden, MA
06/14/96	Charles E. Jones Jr.	Fairhaven, MA	Annette C. Itri	Fairhaven, MA
06/15/96	Keith M. Mello	New Bedford, MA	Brenda L.P. Richards	New Bedford, MA
06/15/96	Andre F. Dumais	Waterville, ME	Theresa J. Young	Waterville, ME
06/22/96	Joseph P. Spicuzza	Brockton, MA	Susan E. Harris	Norwood, MA
06/29/96	Brian Douglas Constant	Clifton Park, NY	Kimberly Anne Jones	Clifton Park, NY
06/29/96	Robert A. Daniel	Raleigh, NC	Jo Ellen Sias	Raleigh, NC
07/06/96	Steven A. Diltz	Meredith, NH	Jean E. Gamblin	Meredith, NH
07/13/96	Chad D. Small	Meredith, NH	Karin J. Gaides	Meredith, NH
07/13/96	Douglas N. Hentz	Meredith, NH	Elizabeth G. Littell	Meredith, NH
07/14/96	David N. Armi	Sacramento, CA	Susan A. Ackermann	Sacramento, CA
07/18/96	Mathew Dawson	Meredith, NH	D'Ann M. Kuehn	Meredith, NH
07/20/96	Jeffrey M. Krasner	Meredith, NH	Julie L. Walton	Meredith, NH
07/21/96	Stephen R. Houle	Meredith, NH	Marcia Baron	Meredith, NH
07/25/96	Christopher E. Golden	Meredith, NH	Amy A. Grant	Hampton, NH
08/04/96	Herbert E. Johnson, III	Meredith, NH	Heather M. Smith	Meredith, NH
08/09/96	Michael D. Orkins	Niceville, FL	Myung W. Kim	Niceville, FL
08/10/96	Stephen J. McBrian	Meredith, NH	Melainie L. Rumberger	Meredith, NH
08/10/96	James F. Eldridge	Meredith, NH	Kathleen M. Hawes	Meredith, NH
08/11/96	Andrew L. Wingate	Lilburn, GA	Denise M. Noury	Lilburn, GA
08/23/96	Rodney A. Redman, III	Meredith, NH	Kristen P. Dobens	Meredith, NH
08/24/96	Michael R. McCormack	Meredith, NH	Lisa B. Waldron	Meredith, NH
08/24/96	Zachary N. Alosa	Meredith, NH	Rebecca A. Bolduc	Meredith, NH
08/24/96	Alfred E. Galietta, Jr.	Meredith, NH	Lynn M. Carlson	Meredith, NH
09/12/96	John J.B. Troughton	London, England	Ruth F. Kenyon	Meredith, NH
09/14/96	Frederick W. Ruland	Newton, MA	Sandra J. French	Newton, MA
09/14/96	David F. Ferland	Meredith, NH	Amanda B. Clark	Alton, NH
09/21/96	Robert L. Collett	Meredith, NH	Nancy Thurrell	Meredith, NH
09/21/96	Peter M. Sallies	Meredith, NH	Kelly A. Nadeau	Meredith, NH
09/21/96	Ronald G. Sirles	Meredith, NH	Michele L. Larrabee	Meredith, NH
09/21/96	Gary A. LaFlamme	Meredith, NH	Elizabeth Conforti	Meredith, NH
09/28/96	Mark J. Ballou	New Hampton, NH	Tina M. Goodwin	Meredith, NH
09/28/96	Robert A. Andrews	Malden, MA	Theresa M. Fournier	Meredith, NH
09/28/96	Steven A. Hines	Campton, NH	Mary E. Petz	Meredith, NH
10/05/96	Charles W.H. Lowth, Jr.	Meredith, NH	Joyce M. Winters	Naples, FL
10/05/96	Carl Loges	Windham, CT	Sharon E. Jenks	Windham, CT
10/06/96	Robert D. Fee	Meredith, NH	Lyn Seley	Meredith, NH
10/06/96	Thomas R. Dawson	Meredith, NH	Jill L. Laporte	Meredith, NH
11/23/96	Richard E. Martel	Meredith, NH	Melody B. Carpenter	Meredith, NH
12/01/96	Joseph F. McAllister	Meredith, NH	Nancy G. Geist	Meredith, NH
12/07/96	Dennis J. Fligg	Sanbornton, NH	Becky L. Huckins	Meredith, NH
12/26/96	William T. Kruppa, Jr.	Winter Haven, FL	Grace R. Anderson	Meredith, NH

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Where Died</u>	<u>Residency</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
01/04/96	Marianne T. Debarry	78	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Waterside Cemetery, Marblehead, MA
01/11/96	Helen C. McWhorter	89	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Woodland Cemetery, Cnbridge, NY
01/12/96	Maynor C. Curry	94		Gilford, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
01/15/96	Harry E. Brooks	79	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Union Cemetery, No. Smithfield, RI
01/15/96	Bertha Louise Neill	85	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
02/03/96	Edwin F. Cox	94	Tilton, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
02/04/96	Marion L. Van Der Heiden	91	Meredith, NH	Gilford, NH	Bayside Cemetery, Laconia, NH
02/06/96	Ruth B. Leger	85	Meredith, NH	So. Attleboro, MA	Newell Burying Ground, So. Attleboro, MA
02/06/96	Alphonse E. Giguere	92	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, NH
02/18/96	Rachel P. Holbrook	90	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
02/19/96	Adele V. Muller	93	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
02/19/96	Louis A. Defilippo	69	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Newton Cemetery, Newton, MA
02/20/96	Richard Luke Beede	74	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Middle Neck Cemetery, Moultonboro, NH
02/23/96	Geraldine Ann Brady	56	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Manchester, NH
02/25/96	Sean Lawrence Gilman	21	Meredith, NH	Manchester, NH	Pine Grove Cemetery, Manchester, NH
03/01/96	Charles William Gault	85	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Sacred Heart Cemetery, Laconia, NH
03/06/96	Lloyd James Blackey	79	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Red Hill Cemetery, Moultonboro, NH
03/12/96	Catherine A. Perkins	79	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
03/13/96	Marjorie Ena Jones	89	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Riverside Cemetery, Bridgetown, Canada
03/15/96	Marcia E. Currier	74	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
03/23/96	Gladys A. Moscardini	77	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
03/24/96	Virginia E. Nichols	75	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
03/29/96	Robert W. Brewster	77	Moultonboro, NH		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
04/01/96	Ronald Joseph Komora	42	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
04/03/96	Anna Ellen Thomas	98	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Riverside Cemetery, Brunswick, ME
04/06/96	Margaret A. Hazen	87	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
04/22/96	Christine E. Ley	83	Meredith, NH	Tilton, NH	
04/22/96	John F. Cahoon	74	Laconia, NH		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
04/24/96	Robert A. Seufert	67	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
05/02/96	Dorothy B. Nelson	81	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
05/03/96	Louis NMI Pelczar	69	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
05/05/96	Jessie E. Converse	93	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
05/05/96	Paul J. McEwan	76	Meredith, NH	Thornton, NH	
05/21/96	Herbert G. Nadeau	67	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Where Died</u>	<u>Residency</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
05/24/96	Ralph L. Ward	---	Sarasota, FL	Sarasota, FL	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
05/29/96	Alpheus F. Hutchins, Jr.	66	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Irondale Cemetery, Millerton, NY
06/04/96	Gloria Innis Cline	94	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
06/08/96	Theron Chase	---			
06/09/96	David Gary St.Hilaire	44	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
06/19/96	Patricia A. Dunn	68	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Riverdale Cemetery, Danbury, NH
06/20/96	Joseph Andrew Grablewski	37	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Trinity Cemetery, Holderness, NH
06/21/96	Cora J. Kimball	76	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Glenwood Cemetery, Maynard, MA
06/30/96	Donald E. Hannigan	75	Meredith, NH	Epping, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
07/07/96	Tinne Lempe Enneguess	92	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Pine Grove Cemetery, Boylston, MA
07/07/96	Patrice A. Towle	57	Lebanon, NH		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
07/08/96	Clifford N. Luce	81	Meredith, NH	Center Harbor, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
07/15/96	Yvonne Dunn	84	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
07/25/96	Gardner A. Caverly	0	Laconia, NH	Laconia, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
07/30/96	Thelma G. Gray	91	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
08/01/96	Grace E.M. Hardy	88	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
08/05/96	Ruby May Sidney	84	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
08/08/96	Laura G. Brown	81	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
08/09/96	Robert F. Cronin	80	Center Harbor, NH		Green Grove Cemetery, Ashland, NH
08/10/96	Malcolm H. Porter	79	Meredith, NH	Laconia, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
08/16/96	Alice M. Bowen	81	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Holy Cross Cemetery, Franklin, NH
08/17/96	Gertrude M. Currell	100	Meredith, NH	Melvin Village	Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, MA
08/20/96	Hazel E. McAndrew	84	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Forest Glen Cemetery, Reading MA
08/23/96	Deborah J. Bailey	36	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
08/25/96	Ethel M. True	76	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
08/28/96	Ruth A. Volpe	82	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Bayside Cemetery, Laconia, NH
08/28/96	Thelma Mudgett	69	Manchester, NH	Meredith, NH	Green Grove Cemetery, Ashland, NH
09/10/96	Jesse William Libby	87	Loudon, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
09/11/96	Richard B. Baker	75	Tilton, NH	Meredith, NH	Green Grove Cemetery, Ashland, NH
09/18/96	Earle D. Hardy	88	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
09/24/96	Ruth M. Lynch	100	Laconia, NH	Laconia, NH	Green Grove Cemetery, Ashland, NH
10/01/96	Emily Walker	82	Boca Raton, FL	Boca Raton, FL	Oakwood Cemetery, Meredith, NH
10/05/96	Edward F. Brady, Jr.	80	Meredith, NH	Bristol, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
10/05/96	Alice L. Fisher	77	Meredith, NH	Bridgewater, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH

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Deaths continued...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Where Died</u>	<u>Residency</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
10/06/96	Louise A. Nadeau	68	North Haven, CT	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
10/07/96	Frederic G. Ericson	85	Meredith, NH	Belmont, NH	Maple Grove Cemetery, Concord, NH
10/07/96	Beatrice M. Palm	87	Nashua, NH	Pelham, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
10/08/96	Betty R. Tratten	93	Meredith, NH	Moultonboro, NH	Sheron Memorial Park, Canton, MA
10/10/96	Dr. Lawson A. Fullerton	91	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Walnut Grove Cemetery, Danvers, MA
10/13/96	Edna C. Carter	92	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Maury Cemetery, Richmond, VA
10/15/96	Rev. Edward L. Manning	79	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Mountain View Cemetery, Camden, ME
10/15/96	Ruth E. Meyerhoefer	68	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Elmwood Cemetery, Methuen, MA
10/27/96	Marie Y. Leighton	77	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	St. John Cemetery, Tilton, NH
11/04/96	William Henry Mason, Sr.	69	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
11/05/96	Donald Edward Chickering, Sr.	86	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Milton Cemetery, Milton, MA
11/08/96	Warren C. Hall	78	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Union Cemetery, Amesbury, MA
11/10/96	Wilbur M. Saulnier	89	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, NH
11/10/96	Albert Theodore Reeks	83	Meredith, NH	Alton Bay, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
11/11/96	Norman Charles Kelley	86	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
11/13/96	Edith L. Brown	86	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Wildwood Cemetery, Winchester, MA
11/16/96	Ruth M. Kuglin	78	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Cutchogue Cemetery, Cutchogue, NY
11/19/96	Eleanor Thomas	89	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
11/20/96	Robert Edwin Penney, Sr.	73	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
11/21/96	Alice C. Swinnerton	91	Concord, NH	Concord, NH	East Cemetery, Hollis, NH
12/03/96	Homer W. Bartram	81	Meredith, NH	Plymouth, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
12/03/96	Virginia N. Shannon-Winter	81	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
12/05/96	Sherman B. Carter	91	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
12/09/96	Carol H. Chatterton	66	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
12/09/96	Robert B. Buckley	67	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
12/12/96	Jerry D. Waldron, Sr.	46	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
12/13/96	Ira M. Weeks, Jr.	---	Laconia, NH	Tilton, NH	
12/18/96	Marion G. McManus	86	Waltham, MA	Waltham, MA	
12/19/96	Emily P. Thompson	96	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
12/26/96	Anna Marie Vota James	86	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Mount Carmel Cemetery, El Paso, TX

Tax Information

Report of Tax Collector

Summary of Warrants 1-1-96 to 12-31-96

DEBITS	1996	1995	1994
Uncollected Taxes 1-1-96			
Property Taxes		1,144,126.06	
Betterment Assessments		15,251.04	2,910.56
Yield Taxes		5,372.20	
Water Rents		82,227.09	
Sewer Rents		173,545.34	
Taxes Committed to Collector			
Property Taxes	11,421,554.63		
Betterment Assessments	47,368.70		
Land Use Change Taxes	21,600.00		
Yield Taxes	17,268.00		
Water Rents	211,267.59		
Sewer Rents	454,975.05		
Overpayments			
Property Taxes	44,256.95	279.81	
Water Rents	21.00		
Sewer Rents	103.73		
Interest Collected			
Property Taxes	10,672.32	51,478.79	
Betterment Assessments	0.88	420.06	72.05
Land Use Change Taxes	657.87		
Yield Taxes	134.85	449.00	
Water Rents	390.10	2,991.11	
Sewer Rents	<u>751.30</u>	<u>5,845.97</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>12,231,022.97</u>	<u>1,481,986.47</u>	<u>2,982.61</u>
CREDITS	1996	1995	1994
Remitted to Treasurer			
Property Taxes	10,358,826.21	1,140,546.55	
Betterment Assessments	33,622.64	15,251.04	2,910.56
Land Use Change Tax	21,600.00		
Yield Taxes	15,400.25	5,372.20	
Water Rents	141,082.58	81,964.63	
Sewer Rents	312,621.35	173,105.61	
Property Tax Interest	10,672.32	51,478.79	
Betterment Assessment Interest	0.88	420.06	72.05
Land Use Change Tax Interest	657.87		
Yield Tax Interest	134.85	449.00	
Water Rents Interest	390.10	2,991.11	
Sewer Rents Interest	<u>751.30</u>	<u>5,845.97</u>	

Report of Tax Collector

Summary of Warrants 1-1-96 to 12-31-96

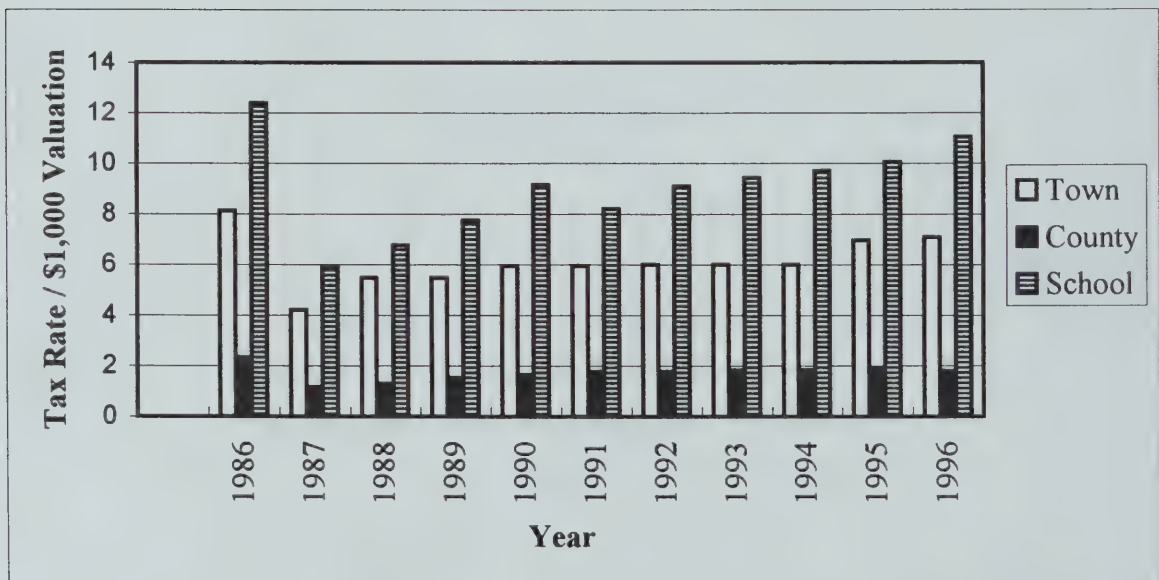
	1996	1995	1994
Abatements			
Property Taxes	19,713.10	3,859.32	
Betterment Assessments	228.09		
Water Rents	2,616.25	262.46	
Sewer Rents	2,990.01	439.73	
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-96			
Property Taxes	1,087,272.27		
Betterment Assessments	13,517.97		
Yield Taxes	1,867.75		
Water Rents	67,589.76		
Sewer Rents	<u>139,467.42</u>		
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>12,233,018.97</u>	<u>1,483,981.47</u>	<u>4,976.61</u>

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts 1-1-96 to 12-31-96

Debits	1995	1994	Prior
Beginning Balance 1-1-96		313,643.61	139,921.09
Liens Executed During 1996	715,199.28		
Interest after Lien	21,439.55	37,166.16	49,483.24
Redemption Costs	<u>2,273.00</u>	<u>1,354.00</u>	<u>1,980.25</u>
Total Debits	<u>738,911.83</u>	<u>352,163.77</u>	<u>191,384.58</u>
Credits			
Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions	392,287.84	175,726.77	134,273.93
Interest & Costs	23,712.55	38,520.16	51,463.49
Abatements	1,185.45	543.51	
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-96	<u>321,725.99</u>	<u>137,373.33</u>	<u>5,647.16</u>
Total Credits	<u>738,911.83</u>	<u>352,163.77</u>	<u>191,384.58</u>

Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	Town	County	School	Net Valuation
1986	8.13	2.33	12.37	246,345,945
1987	4.21	1.17	5.87	542,941,750 (1)
1988	5.48	1.30	6.77	557,269,064
1989	5.48	1.53	7.75	569,263,477
1990	5.96	1.64	9.14	478,578,953
1991	5.94	1.77	8.20	584,276,112
1992	6.00	1.77	9.09	586,488,392
1993	5.99	1.83	9.42	588,980,029
1994	5.99	1.83	9.69	591,943,189
1995	6.97	1.93	10.05	593,993,263 (2)
1996	7.10	1.81	11.05	575,967,000 (1)



- (1) Years in which the Town performed a revaluation of property
- (2) In 1995, Town Meeting approved a one-time appropriation for the reconstruction of Waukegan Street in the amount of \$318,500. The reconstruction of the street would be done in conjunction with Municipal Sewer extension.

Financial Statements

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Meredith
Meredith, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Meredith as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Meredith has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

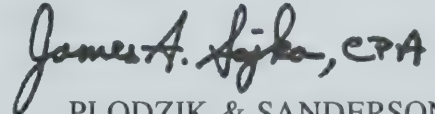
In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Meredith, as of December 31, 1995, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedule listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Meredith. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Town of Meredith
Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Presentation

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated April 26, 1996 on our consideration of the Town of Meredith's internal control structure and a report dated April 26, 1996 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

April 26, 1996


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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Meredith
Meredith, New Hampshire

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Meredith, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995, and have issued our report thereon, which was qualified as indicated therein, dated April 26, 1996.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Town of Meredith is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general-purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Meredith for the year ended December 31, 1995, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

We noted a certain matter involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general-purpose financial statements.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general-purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is not a material weakness.

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The Town does not maintain a formal accounting system for fixed assets. However, the Town has initiated development of such a system. In general, accounting for fixed assets provides information for estimating the amount of insurance needed, covers responsibilities of stewardship involved in safeguarding the assets, and allows for depreciation to be estimated when applicable. An accounting of fixed assets is required for preparation of a complete financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

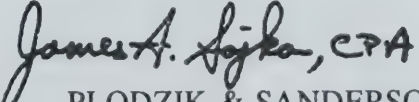
We recommend that fixed asset accounting be implemented as part of the overall accounting system of the Town.

We also noted other matters involving the internal control structure and its operation or opportunities for better efficiency and/or cost savings that we have discussed with management or specific individuals involved. These matters include the following:

1. Capital Equipment and Improvements Fund - The fund balance of \$16,686 in this capital project fund has been in existence for sometime. We suggest that consideration be given to a transferring the balance to the newly created, Municipal Building Fund - Expendable Trust Fund, established at the 1996 Town Meeting.
2. Building Department - Fees Collected - Currently there is no control sheet utilized when fees are entered into the Town's cash register. We suggest that a control sheet be used which would categorize and total the monies collected. To this sheet, all the pre-numbered receipts could be attached as supporting documentation. These control sheets could then be used for reconciliation purposes.

This report is intended for the information of the management and the Town. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

April 26, 1996


PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

December 31, 1996

(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt			
ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS								
ASSETS								
Cash & Equivalents	3,717,086	223,783	16,686	56,400				4,013,955
Investments	24,657			605,775				630,432
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)								
Interest				2,914				2,914
Taxes	1,429,055							1,429,055
Accounts	24,021	257,563		452,703				734,287
Special Assessments-Noncurrent	277,408							277,408
Other	3,380							3,380
Interfund Receivable	19,946	4,639						24,585
Intergovernmental Receivable	150							150
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	107,595							107,595
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(107,595)							(107,595)
Prepaid Items	5,681	1,500						7,181
OTHER DEBITS								
Amount to be provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt								
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	5,501,384	487,485	16,686	1,117,792				3,547,124
								10,670,471

Combined Balance Sheet continued...

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>		<u>Account Group</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Long-Term Debt</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
Accounts Payable	183,158	18,930	7,287				209,375
Contracts Payable			38,468				38,468
Retainage Payable			4,274				4,274
Intergovernmental Payable	3,213,182			3,774			3,216,956
Interfund Payable	4,639	19,946					24,585
Escrow & Performance Deposits	8,100			41,293			49,393
Deferred Revenue	306,992	49,710		452,703			356,702
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable							452,703
General Obligation Debt Payable					3,252,188		3,252,188
Capital Leases Payable					99,900		99,900
Compensated Absences Payable					195036		195036
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>3,716,071</u>	<u>68,640</u>	<u>69,975</u>	<u>497,770</u>	<u>3,547,124</u>		<u>7,899,580</u>

EQUITY

Fund Balances

Reserved for Endowments				132,049			132,049
Reserved for Encumbrances	638,986	66,695	141,658				847,339
Reserved for Special Purposes	223,329	76,538		487,973			787,840
Unreserved							
Designated for Special Purposes		275,612					275,612
Undesignated (Deficit)	922,998		(194,947)				728,051
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>1,785,313</u>	<u>418,845</u>	<u>(53,289)</u>	<u>620,022</u>			<u>2,770,891</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>5,501,384</u>	<u>487,485</u>	<u>16,686</u>	<u>1,117,792</u>	<u>3,547,124</u>		<u>10,670,471</u>

Special Revenue Funds

Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 1996
(Unaudited)

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	D.A.R.E. Program	Land Use Change Tax	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>							
Cash & Equivalents	21,341	47,668		11,600	127,470	15,704	223,783
Receivables Net of Allowances For Uncollectibles							
Accounts							
Interfund Receivable		1,233	3,406		118,071	139,492	257,563
Prepaid Items					<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>4,639</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>21,341</u>	<u>48,901</u>	<u>3,406</u>	<u>11,600</u>	<u>246,291</u>	<u>155,946</u>	<u>487,485</u>
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>							
<u>LIABILITIES</u>							
Accounts Payable					4,773	14,157	18,930
Interfund Payable					<u>49,710</u>		<u>68,640</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES					<u>54,483</u>	<u>14,157</u>	<u>68,640</u>
<u>EQUITY</u>							
Fund Balances							
Reserved for Encumbrances					60,200	6,495	66,695
Reserved for Special Purposes					47,200	29,338	76,538
Unreserved							
Designated for Special Purposes	21,341	48,901	3,406	11,600	84,408	105,956	275,612
Undesignated (Deficit)							
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>21,341</u>	<u>48,901</u>	<u>3,406</u>	<u>11,600</u>	<u>191,808</u>	<u>141,789</u>	<u>418,845</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>21,341</u>	<u>48,901</u>	<u>3,406</u>	<u>11,600</u>	<u>246,291</u>	<u>155,946</u>	<u>487,485</u>

Capital Project Funds

Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 1996
(Unaudited)

	Capital Equipment and <u>Improvements</u>	Wagon Wheel Trail <u>Sewer Extension</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Cash & Equivalents	16,686	—	16,686
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>16,686</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>16,686</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable		7,287	7,287
Contracts Payable		38,468	38,468
Retainage Payable		4,274	4,274
Interfund Payable		19,946	19,946
Total Liabilities		<u>69,975</u>	<u>69,975</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Reserve For Encumbrances		141,658	141,658
Reserved For Special Purposes	16,686		16,686
<u>Unreserved</u>			
Undesignated (Deficit)		(211,633)	(211,633)
Total Fund Balances	<u>16,686</u>	<u>(69,975)</u>	<u>(53,289)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>16,686</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>16,686</u>

Trust and Agency Funds

Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 1996
(Unaudited)

	<u>Expendable</u>		<u>Nonexpendable</u>	<u>Agency Funds</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Library</u>	<u>Capital Reserve</u>	<u>Town RSA 31:19-a</u>		
ASSETS					
Cash & Equivalents		352	882	13,873	56,400
Investments	82,735	88,065	295,037	139,938	605,775
Receivables					
Interest				2,914	2,914
Accounts				452,703	452,703
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>82,735</u>	<u>88,417</u>	<u>295,919</u>	<u>156,725</u>	<u>1,117,792</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Intergovernmental Payable		3,774			3,774
Escrow and Performance Deposits				41,293	41,293
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable				452,703	452,703
Total Liabilities		<u>3,774</u>		<u>493,996</u>	<u>497,770</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>					
Reserved For Endowments				132,049	132,049
Reserved For Special Purposes	82,735	84,643	295,919	24,676	487,973
Total Fund Balances	<u>82,735</u>	<u>84,643</u>	<u>295,919</u>	<u>156,725</u>	<u>620,022</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>82,735</u>	<u>88,417</u>	<u>295,919</u>	<u>493,996</u>	<u>1,117,792</u>

Agency Funds
Combining Statement of Changes In Assets & Liabilities
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996
(Unaudited)

	Balance <u>1/1/96</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance <u>12/31/96</u>
Developers' Performance Bond Fund				
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash & Equivalents	<u>54,845</u>	<u>29,526</u>	<u>43,078</u>	<u>41,293</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	<u>54,845</u>	<u>29,526</u>	<u>43,078</u>	<u>41,293</u>
ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan				
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Due From Others	<u>376,836</u>	<u>83,337</u>	<u>7,470</u>	<u>452,703</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	<u>376,836</u>	<u>83,337</u>	<u>7,470</u>	<u>452,703</u>
TOTAL - ALL AGENCY FUNDS				
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash & Equivalents	54,845	29,526	43,078	41,293
Due From Others	<u>376,836</u>	<u>83,337</u>	<u>7,470</u>	<u>452,703</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>431,681</u>	<u>112,863</u>	<u>50,548</u>	<u>493,996</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	54,845	29,526	43,078	41,293
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	<u>376,836</u>	<u>83,337</u>	<u>7,470</u>	<u>452,703</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>431,681</u>	<u>112,863</u>	<u>50,548</u>	<u>493,996</u>

Treasurer's Account Summary

Summary of Treasurer's Accounts as of 12/31/96

General Fund

Balance 12/31/95	3,325,196.54	
Receipts	21,902,921.75	
Expenditures	<u>21,486,376.74</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		3,741,741.55

Water Department

Balance 12/31/95	72,043.79	
Receipts	149,102.07	
Expenditures	<u>93,675.91</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		127,469.95

Sewer Department

Balance 12/31/95	24,829.48	
Receipts	342,643.22	
Expenditures	<u>351,768.48</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		15,704.22

Conservation Commission

Balance 12/31/95	41,161.00	
Receipts	10,000.00	
Expenditures	<u>3,493.07</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		47,667.93

Bay Point Walkways

Balance 12/31/95	1,000.00	
Receipts	1,000.00	
Expenditures	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		0.00

Cataldo/Reservoir Sewer

Balance 12/31/95	3,860.86	
Receipts	0.00	
Expenditures	<u>3,860.86</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		0.00

Capital Improvements

Balance 12/31/95	16,685.87	
Receipts	0.00	
Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		16,685.87

Community Park

Balance 12/31/95	95.00	
Receipts	0.00	
Expenditures	<u>95.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		0.00

Treasurer's Account Summary

Philbrook Avenue

Balance 12/31/95	(8,758.42)	
Receipts	29,699.56	
Expenditures	<u>20,941.14</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		0.00

Land Use Change Tax Fund

Balance 12/31/95	9,100.00	
Receipts	2,500.00	
Expenditures	<u> </u>	
Balance 12/31/96		11,600.00

Engineering Funds/Retainage

Balance 12/31/95	54,844.44	
Receipts	33,193.24	
Expenditures	<u>46,744.40</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		41,293.28

Balance all Funds 12/31/96		<u><u>4,002,162.80</u></u>
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Proof of Balance

Citizens Bank

Operating Account # 3300847496	291,727.37	
Deposits in Transit	54,562.16	
Outstanding checks	<u>(75,852.85)</u>	
Reconciled Balance		270,436.68

Payroll Account # 3300087246	8,588.43	
Outstanding checks	<u>(6,588.43)</u>	
Reconciled Balance		2,000.00
Repurchase Agreement		3,363,600.79

Meredith Village Savings Bank

Account 95300303		292,375.01
Account Community Park		7,193.85
Account 36587		38.29
Account 36588		38.29

Fleet Bank

Account 09909957893		41,293.28
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NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Account 7338296		24,656.61
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Cash in Hand of Officials		530.00
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Reconciled Balance 12/31/96		<u><u>4,002,162.80</u></u>
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Comparative Statement of Revenues

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

(Unaudited)

SOURCE	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Excess (<u>Deficit</u>)
TAXES-CURRENT YEAR			
Property	11,271,601	11,282,655	11,054
Yield	10,000	17,268	7,268
Boat Taxes	32,000	37,760	5,760
Land Use Change-Prior Year	9,100	9,100	
Interest & Penalties	170,000	194,039	24,039
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE			
Highway Block Grant	119,140	119,140	
Revenue Share/Block Grant	173,730	173,730	
State Water Pollution	25,766	25,766	
Filtration Grant		28,144	28,144
State & Forest Land	385	385	
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
Other State/Federal Revenue		8,137	8,137
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Motor Vehicle Permits	550,000	629,609	79,609
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	23,000	45,696	22,696
Building Permits	15,500	18,694	3,194
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	380,000	390,442	10,442
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Town Property	4,700	8,351	3,651
Investment Interest	84,810	111,976	27,166
Insurance Reimbursement	105,458	113,011	7,553
Betterment Assessment	46,000	61,640	15,640
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Special Revenue Fund	270,710	232,210	(38,500)
Trust Funds		<u>49,903</u>	<u>49,903</u>
SUBTOTAL	13,291,900	13,557,656	265,756
Water Department	289,751	316,181	26,430
Sewer Department	<u>485,938</u>	<u>470,988</u>	(<u>14,950</u>)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>14,067,589</u>	<u>14,344,825</u>	<u>277,236</u>

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996
(Unaudited)

	1995	1996	1996	1996	Balance
	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>(Overdrafts)</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	\$ 300	\$ 122,798	\$ 110,937	\$ 3,000	\$ 9,161
Election/Regist.	1,500	79,089	81,338		(749)
Finance	16,392	234,634	237,830		13,196
Revaluation of Property	70,000		72,819		(2,819)
Legal		15,000	14,073		927
Personnel		554,224	514,979		39,245
Planning/Zoning	2,000	126,909	127,442		1,467
Gen. Govt. Build	14,750	246,538	228,117	13,600	19,571
Cemeteries	13,270	66,776	86,909		(6,863)
Insurance		219,000	190,526		28,474
Regional Assoc.		6,075	6,075		
Other Gen. Government		30,000			30,000
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police		642,062	636,203	3,185	2,674
Ambulance		195,000	194,868		132
Fire		129,456	121,548	275	7,633
HIGHWAYS & STREETS					
Highways & Streets	82,242	1,142,390	1,134,443	8,150	82,039
Street Lighting		43,500	38,864		4,636
Dolloff Brook Road		17,000		17,000	
State Aid Recon.	115,066	20,000	4,000	131,066	
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Disposal	70,500	691,593	646,832	8,020	107,241
Other Sanitation		20,000	12,357		7,643

	1995 <u>Encumbered</u>	1996 <u>Appropriation</u>	1996 <u>Expended</u>	1996 <u>Encumbered</u>	Balance (Overdrafts)
WATER DISTRIBUTION					
Hydrant Rental		52,555	52,555		
HEALTH					
Health Agencies		129,629	129,629		19,675
WELFARE		36,620	16,945		
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Parks & Recreation	53,800	141,167	162,027	10,388	22,552
Library		277,070	235,275		41,795
Patriotic Purposes		6,200	6,200		
Other Cult. & Recreat.	33,148	50,000	68,556	17,102	(2,510)
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	13,932	27,200	16,258	23,779	1,095
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes		328,643	337,876		(9,233)
Interest		197,650	211,171		(13,521)
TAN Interest		20,000			20,000
CONSERVATION COMM.	375,358	1,265	1,233	403,421	32
CAPITAL PROJECTS			81		(28,144)
Transfer to Trusts		299,000	299,000		
Total General Fund	\$ 862,258	\$ 6,169,043	\$ 5,996,966	\$ 638,986	395,349
TO ENTERPRISE FUND					
Sewer Fund	8,500	485,938	479,345	6,495	8,598
Water Fund	59,231	289,751	270,157	60,200	18,625
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 929,989	\$ 6,944,732	\$ 6,746,468	\$ 705,681	422,572
School Appropriation		6,419,134	6,419,134		
County Appropriation		1,051,837	1,051,837		
GRAND TOTAL	<u>929,989</u>	<u>14,415,703</u>	<u>14,217,439</u>	<u>705,681</u>	<u>422,572</u>

General Fund

Statement of Changes In Unreserved-Undesignated Fund Balance For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996 (Unaudited)

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1

\$677,581

Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used

To Reduce 1996 Tax Rate

\$348,114

Increase In Reserved For Special Purposes

67,574

Total Deductions

415,688

\$261,893

Additions

1996 Budget Summary

Revenue Surplus

\$265,756

Unexpended Balance of

Appropriations

395,349

1996 Budget Surplus

661,105

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - December 31

\$922,998

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Summary of Town Owned Property

<u>Map</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
I02	21	Bear Island - Town Dock	64,800
I07	06	Bear Island	54,300
R08	14	Meredith Center Road	15,900
R08	15	Childs Park	16,200
R08	47	Meredith Center Road	14,500
R08	48	Fire Station - Meredith Center	180,900
R13	05	Wicwas - Peninsula	50,000
R13	06	Wicwas - Island	21,400
R13	07	Wicwas - Island	20,300
R14	01	Wicwood Shores Road	283,700
R14	28	Wicwood Shores and Chemung Road	56,700
R14	29	Chemung Road	69,500
R17	16	Chemung and Camp Waldron	16,400
R17	35	Chemung and Old Stanton Road	19,600
R17	36	Chemung Road	22,300
R22	02	Tucker Mountain Road	6,000
R22	07	Tucker Mountain Road	29,100
R22	13	Neddeau Road	46,700
R31	20	Old Poor Farm	86,400
R32	01	Hermit Woods Road	38,300
R35	03	Pinnacle Ridge and Edgerly School Roads	12,500
S02	05	Beattie and Old Center Harbor Roads	28,700
S15	08	Public Works - Jenness Hill Road	557,100
S15	54	Boynton Road	24,600
S18	55	Tracy Way	14,300
S18	56	Tracy Way	15,900
S22	20	Waukegan Highlands Community Park	36,700
S22	22	Waukegan Highlands Community Park	204,300
S22	27	Tracy Way	7,600
S23	21	Pumping Station	18,800
S23	51	NH Route 104	8,800
U01	01A	Neal Shore Road	21,800
U01	34	Neal Shore Road	2,000
U03	28A	Waukegan Street	18,500
U03	30	Waukegan Beach	233,200
U04	25	Monkey Pond	1,400
U05	01A	Waukegan Street	15,400
U05	01B	Water Department	122,300
U05	02	Waukegan Park	119,500
U06	31	Swazey Park	126,300
U06	37	Parking Lot - High Street	19,500
U06	38	Parking Lot - High Street	23,300

Summary of Town Owned Property continued...

<u>Map</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
U06	59	Library	489,900
U06	60	Community Park - Main Street	54,400
U06	63	Parking Lot - Water Street	30,300
U06	112	Fire Station - Route 3	408,500
U06	117C	Swazey Cemetery	100
U06	145	Town Docks - Route 3	202,900
U07	44	Municipal Building	231,000
U07	86A	Water Line - Right of Way	600
U07	107	Pumping Station - Route 3	68,200
U07	108	Parking Lot - Route 3	81,100
U07	121	Scenic Park	73,500
U07	123	Scenic Park	63,500
U07	126	Hesky Park	174,200
U07	127	Hesky Park	175,800
U10	17	Pumping Station - Philbrook Avenue	10,700
U10	31	Prescott Park	152,800
U10	33	Prescott Park	36,100
U10	34	Police Station	283,700
U10	35	Route 3	46,400
U11	50A	Greemore Road	22,200
U11	67	Kelly Lane	4,300
U11	71	Meredith Village Cemetery	8,700
U12	04	Philbrook Avenue	15,800
U12	15	Near Jenness Hill Road	179,600
U14	01	Sewer Plant	46,600
U15	14A	Near Route 25 and Pleasant Street	13,800
U15	19A	Clough Park	15,900
U15	27	Morrison Ave.	2,000
U33	15A	Patricia Drive and Cattle Landing Road	47,200
U35	10	Love Joy Sands	136,200
U39	58	Leavitt Park	206,400

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Summary Inventory of Valuation ~ All Properties

Value of Land Only

Current Use	572,000
Residential	270,381,500
Commercial/Industrial	<u>21,381,900</u>
Total Value of Land	292,335,400

Public Utilities

Electric	<u>5,591,700</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	578,471,600

Value of Buildings Only

Residential	229,601,700
Commercial/Industrial	<u>50,942,800</u>
Total Value of Buildings	280,544,500

Exemptions

Blind	60,000
Elderly	2,120,000
Totally & Permanently Disabled	300,000
Solar/Windpower	<u>24,600</u>
Total Exemptions	<u>2,504,600</u>
Net Taxable Valuation	<u>575,967,000</u>

Long-Term Indebtedness ~ 12/31/96

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 1996, is comprised of the following individual issues:

<u>Description of Issue</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Outstanding at 12/31/96</u>
<u>General Obligation Debt Payable</u>					
1989 Road Improvement Bonds	\$ 850,000	1989	1997	6.875	\$ 120,000
1988 Sewer Extension Bonds	\$ 603,200	1988	2008	5.750	424,317
1989 Library Improvement Bonds	\$ 750,000	1989	2008	5.750	554,603
1988 Water System Improvement Bonds	\$2,000,000	1988	2016	5.750	1,694,912
1991 Water Line Bonds	\$ 470,000	1991	2000	5.875	74,398
1993 Fire Truck Bonds	\$ 222,000	1993	2003	5.125	129,417
1994 Sewer Extension Bonds	\$ 229,000	1994	2014	4.500	222,885
1995 Sewer Extension Bonds	\$ 50,314	1995	2005	6.000	<u>41,128</u>
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 1996					<u>\$3,252,188</u>
<u>Capital Leases Payable</u>					
1996 Excavator Lease	\$ 99,900	1996	2000	6.000	<u>\$ 99,900</u>

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds of the Town of Meredith for 1996

DATE TRUST NAME

NONEXPENDABLE TRUSTS

	Beginning Balance	Principal New Funds	Gain (Loss)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balances	Total
1964 Upkeep WW II Memorial	294		5	299	1,225	101		1,326	1,625
Oakland Cemetery	3,469		56	3,524	881	290		1,171	4,695
Outlying Cemeteries	8,656		139	8,795	8,196	1,124		9,320	18,115
Town Cemetery	15,418		248	15,666	4,349	1,318		5,668	21,333
1931 Ebon S. Roberts	250		4	254	23	18		41	295
1908 Edwin E. Beede	87,579		1,406	88,985	3,516	6,075	(6,909)	2,682	91,666
1915 Samuel W. Rollins	3,732		60	3,792	538	285		822	4,614
1927 J. Bennett / Emily Swain	575		9	584	53	42		95	679
1901 William E. Bixby	125		2	127	12	9		21	147
1915 Hattie R. Erskine	89		1	90	76	11		87	177
1883 George S. Fogg	1,280		21	1,300	456	116		571	1,872
1988 Town Cemetery	2,426		39	2,465	1,717	276		1,993	4,458
1984 Caroline M. Swift	375		6	381	63	29	(35)	58	439
1994 J. Beede Cemetery	5,696								
Total	<u>129,963</u>		<u>1,995</u>	<u>131,958</u>	<u>21,105</u>	<u>9,694</u>	<u>(6,944)</u>	<u>23,855</u>	<u>155,813</u>

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Meredith Village									
Cemetery Maintenance	16,570			16,570	3,123	582		3,705	20,275
1995 Library	10,000			10,000	0	296		296	10,296
1996 Employee Benefits		36,169		36,169		254	(36,169)	(35,915)	254
1996 Landfill Closure		75,000		75,000		30		30	75,030
1996 Sand / Salt Storage Shed		100,000		100,000		37		37	100,037
1996 Municipal Building		50,000		50,000		15		15	50,015
1996 Public Works Trust		40,000		40,000		14		14	40,014
Totals	<u>26,570</u>	<u>301,169</u>		<u>327,738</u>	<u>3,123</u>	<u>1,227</u>	<u>(36,169)</u>	<u>(31,819)</u>	<u>295,920</u>

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds of the Town of Meredith for 1996

	Beginning Balance	Added	Paid	Gain/Loss	Income	Ending Balance
<u>CAPITAL RESERVES</u>						
Purpose						
Fire Truck	1,848				90	1,938
Reconstructive Refuse	34,322				1,758	36,080
Police	21,662				1,112	22,774
Water Department	22,682				1,169	23,851
Interlakes School Distri	3,606			21	147	3,774
Totals	<u>84,119</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>21</u>	<u>4,276</u>	<u>88,417</u>

1997 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

1997 Recommended Appropriations	9,168,644
Less: Projected Revenues	5,222,274
Less: Shared Revenues	37,444
Add: Overlay	120,000
Add: War Service Credits	<u>60,800</u>
Net Town Appropriation	4,089,726
Estimated Net Valuation	575,967,000
Estimated 1997 Municipal Tax Rate	7.10 *

* Same as 1996 Municipal Tax Rate

1997 Meredith Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at St. Charles Auditorium, 281 Daniel Webster Highway, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next, March 11, 1997, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots; and at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 12, 1997, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gym, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on the following articles:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

- One (1) Selectman for three (3) years
- One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for three (3) years
- One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for two (2) years
- Three (3) Library Trustees for three (3) years

ARTICLE 2

Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Meredith, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$40,000?

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400; and own assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence."

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with "accessory uses?"

Purpose of the proposed amendment: To clarify that an accessory use must be a subordinate use, clearly incidental to and related to the principal structure, building or use of the land. Additionally, aircraft landings and takeoffs would not be permitted as an accessory use to a residential use.

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with "Maximum Lot Coverage?"

Purpose of the proposed amendment: To clarify the scope and intent of the existing definition and regulation of "Maximum Lot Coverage" to include gravel surfaces.

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with a comprehensive rewrite of the Wetlands Conservation District provisions?

Purpose of the Amendment: To simplify the ordinance by eliminating confusing and conflicting terminology; to reduce buffer and septic leach bed setback requirements based upon current wetland and soils science; to exempt certain small, isolated wetlands from local regulatory jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with the front setback provisions in the Central Business District?

Purpose of the Amendment: To eliminate the flexible front setback provision which allows the front setback to be as minimal as that of the nearest building within 200 feet. Eliminating this provision will result in a standard 30 ft. front setback throughout this district.

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance having to do with administrative housekeeping?

Purpose of the amendment: To renumber articles, sections and paragraphs; to delete any duplications within the ordinance.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) for the purpose of water and sewer main replacements, improved underground drainage, reconstruction and construction of sidewalks, and road resurfacing on Pleasant Street; said appropriation to be inclusive of State or Federal grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (ii) to authorize the issuance of serial bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33 , of the said appropriation, provided , however, that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes, and (iv)to authorize the Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes, and temporary borrowings, as shall be in best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any or all State or Federal grants-in-aid, or other contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith. (Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting) **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Dollars (\$776,000.00) for the purpose of building a Community Center at Prescott Park, said appropriations to be inclusive of contributions from other sources; (ii) to authorize the issuance of serial bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided, however, that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and (iv) to authorize the Town Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith. (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith) (Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting) **Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to adopt New Hampshire RSA 162-K, allowing the Town Meeting to establish Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts. Such districts allow public infrastructure improvements to be built or improved and any debt repaid by future tax increments within the proposed district; each proposed district shall have a development program and a tax increment financing plan prior to the Town Meeting approving a particular district. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to establish a developmental district entitled "Needle Eye and Route 3 South District", as shown with a development program and tax increment financing plan as presented. In addition, to require the Town Manager to serve as District Administrator per RSA 162-K:13 and grant administration powers as allowed by said statute; the Board of Selectmen (governing body) shall create a district advisory board and appoint three members, solely owners or occupants of real property within or adjacent to the district. Once such a district is established, the Board of Selectmen shall by resolution, delineate the powers and duties of the advisory board.

And further, to see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) for the purpose of district infrastructure improvements; said appropriations to be inclusive of serial bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided, however, that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and (iv) to authorize the Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to

authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any or all State or Federal grants-in-aid, or other contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith. Proposed revenue would include sewer access fees within the district and future property tax increments. (Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting) **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining bond authorization from the East Bluff Highlands Sewer Extension Improvement Project voted per Article 5 of the March 14, 1995 Town Meeting. The amount of the remaining bond authorization is Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Ninety Two Cents (\$49,685.92). The project is now complete. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, both layouts of Lang Street Extension , so-called(between Lake and Dover Street) dividing the Chase property, contingent upon planning and/or Zoning Board approval(s) of the project called "Chase House at Mill Falls" and requiring vehicular access to be provided by right of way to the adjoining side lines of lots Tax Map U-6, lots 77 & 105 (April 1, 1996 Tax Map version), currently provided by said Town Street; and further to provide or retain existing utility and drainage easements to the Town of Meredith and to allow public vehicle access between Dover and Lake Streets.

Provided that in the event of structure(s) being destroyed by fire or other acts and if any structure(s) remain vacant for a period of one year, such discontinuance shall become null and void by vote of the Board of Selectmen and the layout of 1862 shall be returned to the Town of Meredith.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to allow POW/MIA memorial statue #1 (as displayed) to be placed in Hesky Park.

ARTICLE 15

Are you in favor of banning the placement of any statues in Hesky Park? (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith)

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be added to the Employee Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Public Works Dump Truck Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be added to the Sand/Salt Storage Building Expendable Trust Fund previously

established. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and Thirty Six Cents (298,329.36) to be added to the Landfill Closure Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be raised by taxation and to authorize the transfer of the December 31, 1996 Fund Balance of Two Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and Thirty Six Cents(\$223,329.36). The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Municipal Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote a "Special Warrant Article" to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the additional construction of Community Park. The sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$38,400.00) to be raised by taxation and Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$11,600.00) to be transferred to the General Fund from the Land Use Change Tax Fund. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the Park is completed or in three (3) years following the end of the fiscal year, which ever is less. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$36,700.00) for the following purposes:

- \$20,000.00 State Aid Reconstruction Program -2 to 1 match for improvements to various roads under the State Aid Reconstruction Program, provided that the State of New Hampshire appropriates Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) ; and
- \$16,700.00 Community Enhancement Program - Safety and aesthetic improvements on Route 3 North.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) for the purpose of Route 3 & 25 Planning. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) for the purpose of a Sewer Collection Main on Westbury Road, providing that the property owners on Westbury Road authorize a betterment assessment on Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) plus interest; said appropriation to be inclusive of State or Federal grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (ii) to authorize the issuance of serial bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided, however, that the total amount of bonds or

notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and (iv) to authorize the Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes, and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any or all State or Federal grants-in-aid, or other contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith. Proposed revenue would include landowner betterment assessments in the amount of \$90,000.00 as requested by the property owners. (Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting) **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 25

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote a "Special Warrant Article" to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for a local Main Street Program, provided that the Town is selected for inclusion in the New Hampshire Main Street Program. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI. The appropriation will not lapse for three (3) years. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a short-term lease purchase agreement in the amount of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) payable over a two to three year term for the purpose of leasing a Dump Truck for the Department of Public Works. There is no funding requirement for this lease in the current year. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to support the Winnepesaukee Skating Club, anon-profit organization, in its efforts to construct an ice arena in Laconia to provide recreational opportunities for Lakes Region families, with said appropriation authorized pursuant to RSA 31:4. (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith) **Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town of Meredith will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the Youth Services Bureau's Court Diversion services for first offenders (an effective alternative to the juvenile court system) and other youth oriented programs, i.e. The Challenge Course and CHINS Diversion. (Petitioned by 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Meredith) **Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

1997 Meredith Budget

	1996	1996	1997	1997
	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Appropriation</u> <u>(Recommended)</u>	<u>Appropriation</u> <u>(Not Recommended)</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Executive	122,798	110,683	123,445	
Election/Registration	79,089	79,838	79,436	
Finance	234,634	220,658	255,296	
Legal	15,000	14,073	15,000	
Personnel	554,224	517,788	545,548	
Planning/Zoning	126,909	127,442	134,371	
General Government Buildings	246,538	224,863	262,402	
Cemeteries	66,776	79,409	53,788	
Insurance	219,000	190,526	165,000	
Regional Association	6,075	6,075	6,500	
Other General Government	30,000		30,000	
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police	642,062	636,203	684,537	12,000
Ambulance	195,000	194,868	195,000	
Fire	129,456	121,548	168,976	
HIGHWAYS/STREETS				
Highways/Streets	1,142,390	1,059,355	1,267,226	
Street Lighting	43,500	38,864	43,500	
Dolloff Brook Road	17,000			
State Aid Reconstruction	20,000		20,000	
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Disposal	691,593	643,906	638,958	
Other Sanitation	20,000	12,357	20,000	
HEALTH				
Health Agencies	129,629	129,629	137,668	
WELFARE	36,620	16,945	30,200	
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Parks & Recreation	141,167	119,266	131,188	5,000
Library	277,070	278,574	255,606	
Patriotic Purposes	6,200	6,200	5,700	
Other Culture & Recreation	50,000	52,065	50,000	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	27,200	9,405	42,700	
DEBT SERVICE				
Debt Service-Principal	328,643	337,876	346,874	
Debt Service-Interest	197,650	211,171	190,718	
TAN-Interest	20,000		20,000	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	1,265	1,233	1,265	
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	52,555	52,555	69,000	
CAPITAL PROJECTS			1,890,000	776,000
TRUST FUNDS	<u>299,000</u>	<u>299,000</u>	<u>533,329</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	6,169,043	5,792,375	8,413,231	793,000
 Sewer Fund	485,938	479,345	464,961	
Water Fund	289,751	270,157	290,452	
GRAND TOTAL	<u>6,944,732</u>	<u>6,541,877</u>	<u>9,168,644</u>	<u>793,000</u>

1997 Meredith Budget

SOURCE	1996 <u>Estimated</u>	1996 <u>Actual</u>	1997 <u>Estimated</u>
TAXES-CURRENT YEAR			
Land Use Change Taxes	9,100	9,100	11,600
Yeild	10,000	17,268	10,000
Other Taxes	32,000	37,760	32,000
Interest & Penalties	170,000	194,039	160,000
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE			
Highway Block Grant	119,140	119,140	130,421
Revenue Share/Block Grant	71,979	71,979	71,979
State Water Pollution	25,766	25,766	25,766
Filtration Grant		28,144	
State & Forest Land	385	385	385
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
Other State/Federal Revenue		8,137	
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Motor Vehicle Permits	550,000	629,609	550,000
Business License Permits	15,500	18,694	17,000
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	23,000	45,696	28,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Department Income	380,000	390,442	385,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Town Property	4,700	8,351	5,000
Investment Interest	84,810	111,976	50,000
Other	151,458	174,651	129,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Special Revenue Fund	270,710	232,210	240,710
Trust Funds		49,903	
Proceeds from Long-term Debt			1,980,000
USE OF FUND BALANCE			
Fund Balance Used to Reduce Taxes	<u>348,114</u>		<u>625,000</u>
SUBTOTAL	2,266,662	2,173,250	4,451,861
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Water Depart.nent Revenue	289,751	316,181	290,452
Sewer Department Revenue	<u>485,938</u>	<u>470,988</u>	<u>464,961</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,042,351</u>	<u>2,960,419</u>	<u>5,207,274</u>

Meetings of Town Boards and Committees

Monday:	Board of Selectmen - 7:00 pm, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Conference Room, Police Station
Tuesday:	Planning Board - 7:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Conference Room, Police Station Public Health Nursing Assoc. - 3:30 pm, 3rd Tuesday Public Library Library Trustees - 7:30 pm, 2nd Tuesday, Public Library Community Economic Development - 7:00 am, 3rd Tuesday Conference Room, Police Station
Wednesday:	Park & Recreation Commission - 6:30 pm, 2nd Wednesday Conference Room, Police Station Lakes Region Planning Commission - 6:30 pm, 2nd Wednesday Humiston Building Rt. 3 & 25 Task Force - 7:00 pm Contact Municipal Office for location/date
Thursday:	Zoning Board of Adjustment - 7:30 pm, 2nd Thursday Conference Room, Police Station Conservation Commission - 7:30 pm, 1st Thursday Conference Room, Police Station

Office Hours

Municipal Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Town Manager	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tax Collector	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Recreation	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Town Clerk	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Code Enforcement & Planning & Zoning	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 12:30 pm 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Welfare Office	Tuesday - Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Highway Dept.	Monday - Friday	7:30 am - 3:30 pm
Solid Waste/Recycling	Daily except Wed. & Holidays	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Assessor's Office	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Public Library	Tuesday & Wednesday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
	Thursday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
	Friday	8:00 am - 7:00 pm
	Saturday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Public Health	Monday - Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 am - 4:00 pm
Registered Nurse	Monday - Friday	9:00 am - 10:00 am 1:00 am - 2:00 pm
TDY	Telephone Number	279-4538
Public Announcements	Telephone Number	279-5373
FAX	Telephone Number	279-1042

TOWN OF MEREDITH

All Emergency Calls

DIAL "911"

HOSPITAL

Lakes Region General Hospital

524-3211

POISON INFORMATION CENTER

Hanover

1-800-562-8236

Boston

1-617-232-2120

POLICE, FIRE & BUSINESS NUMBERS

Meredith Police Department

279-4561

Belknap County Sheriff's Department

524-3830

State Police (Tamworth)

323-8112

State Police (Concord)

1-800-852-3411

Forest Fire Warden

279-5652

Municipal Office (Burning Permits)

279-4538

Emergency Management Director

279-8933

We now have the following available services for the general public with sight or hearing impairments at the Municipal Office.

TDD

279-4538

Public Announcements

279-5373

FAX

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